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## Families check out GW this weekend

by Scott Maikkula  
Senior Staff Writer

GW successfully combined visits from current students' families with visits from prospective students' families this weekend during the fourth annual Family Weekend, Nadine Romstedt, associate director of admissions for on-campus recruitment, said.

Combining the two events was a good idea and gives the University "more bang for your buck," she said.

The event, cosponsored by the Admissions Office and the Office of Campus Life, expected about 650 families. She added that while they do not know the final count, Family Weekend '92 "was the best attended... (and) had at least 500 (families)."

Family Weekend events held on Saturday included a reception hosted by GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, tours of residence halls and the rest of campus and a variety of events "to enjoy Washington," according to the Family Weekend brochure.

Events held Sunday included a trip to the National Cathedral, a barbecue, hayrides around Foggy Bottom and rides on the ferris wheel in the parking lot behind the 2000 Penn shopping complex.

The weekend's events also included activities fairs on the University Yard and in Marvin Center's Grand Marketplace. Students and parents could browse the tables to pick up information on financial aid, talk to representatives from the Deans of Students Office or sign up to participate in student organization activities.

Several sessions for prospective students were also held. Programs on admissions, financial assistance, the National Law Center, GW Medical Center and internships were among those offered yesterday.

According to Romstedt, one of the more popular activities was viewing the solar car being built by School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and School of Business and Public Management.

The financial aid session was particularly popular with parents. Frank Nelson, from Greensboro, N.C., said the information he got from the session was important. His son, Philip, said it will also be helpful when choosing a school.

Charles Bathea, whose daughter is considering GW, said the financial aid information was worthwhile. He added that the weekend helped him "get the feeling of the area."

GW Bookstore Operations Manager Dave Peterson said the store had good sales. He said the store increased selection for the weekend, and one of the hot-selling items, he said, was a GW solar car T-shirt.

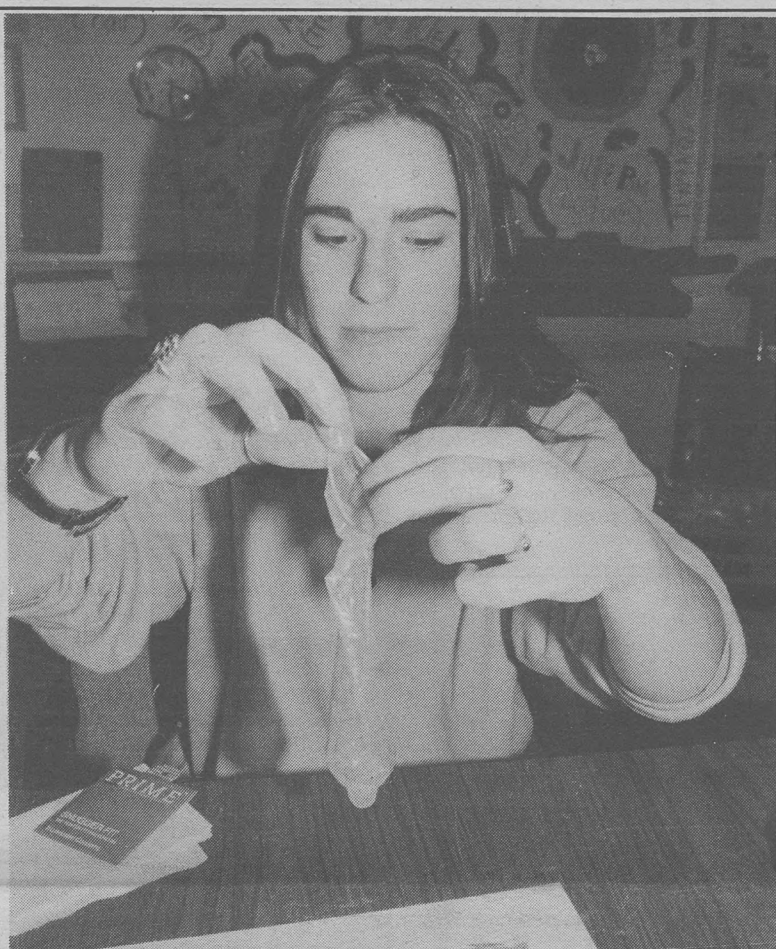


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PROGRAM BOARD MEMBER ELISABETH CAMPION UNFURLS a condom for display at Safe Sex Fest Wednesday in the Marvin Center.

## Fest urges students to practice safe sex

by Heather O'Connor  
Hatchet Staff Writer

The Program Board-sponsored "Safe Sex Fest" held Wednesday succeeded in its goal of educating students about AIDS and desensitizing students to condoms, AIDS Awareness Week chair Jenn Wass said.

The event was highlighted by a "Safer Sex Jeopardy" game and the crowning of a "Condom King" and "Condom Queen." Other activities included condom racing, a three-legged condom race and the viewing of *We Bring a Quilt*, a movie about the AIDS Project NAMES Memorial Quilt.

Wass said the turnout of less than 50 people at the event was a little disappointing but added, "Sex is something that is hard to talk about. It takes a lot of you to open up and have a discussion (about sex and AIDS)."

The evening began with condom racing, a game where competitors race to see who can put a lubricated latex condom on a cucumber the fastest.

A three-legged condom race was the second event. Students tied their legs to a partner's with a condom and attempted to race across the room without falling or having the knot come untied.

"Safe Sex Jeopardy" consisted of PB members asking four teams of students questions in the categories of "AIDS," "Doin' It," "Condoms," "Biologically Speaking," "Fact or Fiction" and "HIV." Questions included: "What are four ways AIDS can be spread?" "What type of kissing is safe?" and "What are the names of the tests for HIV?" There were also two "Tactile Daily Doubles," during which teams had to identify condoms by touch and sound. Prizes included T-shirts and condoms.

*We Bring a Quilt* was shown continuously throughout the Fest. The movie is a chronicle of the weekend in October 1988 when the Quilt was in Washington, D.C. It featured friends, family and musical performers remembering those that have died of AIDS.

The fest was decorated with balloons, streamers and helium-filled condoms. There was also a display of various types and sizes of condoms. Condoms, including a full-body condom worn by a PB member, were provided by Student Health.

The event concluded with the crowning of the "Condom King" and "Condom Queen." The four competitors had to answer the question, "How can we best combat AIDS?" Respondents described how people must educate each other and themselves, dispel myths about AIDS and make a decision to be safe. Winners were determined by audience applause. Freshman Steve Weaver was crowned "King" and freshman Katrese Phelps was crowned "Queen."

## UPD votes for union by two-vote margin

by Elissa Leibowitz  
Asst. News Editor

University Police voted 27-25 Friday in favor of forming a union to negotiate with the University when disputes arise.

The vote came after UPD officers said they were unhappy with the progress of wage and benefit negotiations at the University, Robert Chernak, vice president for student and academic support services, said.

The vote was made under the supervision of the National Labor Relations Board which needs to officially certify the vote before it is implemented, Chernak said. Once the vote is certified, NLRB representatives will meet with the officers and will sit down with University negotiators to form a wages and benefits contract, Chernak said. UPD Director Timothy Murrell said he does not believe a union constitution has been established yet.

As was its stance prior to the vote, the University would have preferred discussing concerns with UPD directly rather than through a union, Chernak said. "It's not necessary in our police department because (they) know our long term plans... and without distractions we could have made a lot more progress quicker," Chernak said. "I think they would have been better off if the UPD officers didn't unionize, but I don't think it's the end of the world."

Most police departments are unionized, Chernak said, noting that campus police at both Howard and Georgetown universities have unions.

Chernak explained the reasons why the vote was called earlier this school year. He said there have been a lot of problems over the past year, including "lingering doubts over what the University's intentions are long term," Chernak said. "Sometimes certain departments feel a greater sense of security in a union."

Chernak said he is disappointed in those officers who did not turn out to vote. According to Chernak, 61 officers were eligible to vote. "Those nine who didn't vote could have had bearing on the outcome," Chernak said.

The union will not affect the work of the department, Murrell said. "It is a democratic process and we will bargain in good faith," Murrell said.

Chernak said it is too early to see the impact of the union vote on UPD or the University as a whole. "Only time will tell," he said. "We are not able to tell (the impact) without some time elapsing."

## Trespasser attempts burglary at Riverside

by Elissa Leibowitz  
Asst. News Editor

An unlawful entry and attempted burglary occurred Sunday morning at Riverside Hall, University Police Senior Associate Director Dolores Stafford said.

At approximately 6:30 a.m., a male student was sleeping and heard a noise in his room. The student saw "the silhouette of a person inside the room by the window," Stafford said.

The suspect fled through the window he or she broke into "after being startled by the student waking up," Stafford said. Nothing was reported stolen and no injuries were reported.

Stafford said the alleged burglar had taken the screen off the window, and said there were pry marks near the lock.

Riverside Hall equips first-floor windows with alarms, but Stafford said the person in the room did not have the alarm on.

In an unrelated story, UPD officials confronted a man accused of trying to look up women's skirts at Gelman Library last week, Stafford said.

The man was confronted Saturday morning after a female student filed a complaint that someone was acting suspiciously in the library.

UPD issued a barring notice to the man, described in a crime alert as a tall, thin, white male, about 40 years old with reddish-brown hair. If found on campus again, UPD would detain him, notify Metropolitan Police and he would probably be charged with trespassing, Stafford said.

In earlier incidents, the man "used a mirror to look under an adjacent table, in an attempt to view various parts of the female victim's body," in Gelman Library, a crime alert said. In one case, the suspect touched the female victim's thigh, the alert said. In both cases, however, the suspect fled the scene.

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## Peace of Mind

# Reserve readings + language lab = 'C' for commencement

I am cantankerous. You see, I was in the library tonight getting reserve readings — a punishment no one should endure.

For those of you who have somehow avoided this little college adventure, allow me to explain. First, a professor makes you buy up to \$70 worth of books and then, *then*, he or she has the audacity to put a whole bunch of other stuff somewhere in the bowels of the library and tell you that you are **REQUIRED** to read that too.

Now check me if I'm wrong here, but it seems to me professors should be able to squeeze all of the reading necessary for a semester into that \$200-plus check I have to write to the GW Bookstore at the beginning of each semester? If there is something else that they feel I absolutely, positively must know, they have roughly two and one-half hours every week to convey that. Pretty simple, huh?

The way I see it reserve reading is non-foreign language classes version of the language lab.

As far as I can tell, the only reason language lab is required is so those wily

Spanish, French and Bohemian professors can justify subtracting points from those of us who somehow manage to do fine on tests and compositions without ever cracking the old book at home.

I mean, C'mon. Did anyone ever really learn how to speak a language better, or at all for that matter, by listening to a Rico Suave sound-a-like repeat "Donde esta la casa de Pepe?" for an hour a week. I don't think so.

Anyway, back to reserve readings. Since it wouldn't exactly fly to have students sit in a room and listen to someone speak English for an hour every week, professors had to devise another factor to try to control what you do outside of the classroom. The answer: reserve readings.

When a professor assigns you reserve readings what he or she is really trying to say is, "I'm pissed that you're not going to study for my class, so, to give me an excuse to take points off, I'll put a whole bunch of stuff on reserve in the library."

Reserve is actually an acronym. It stands for Random Excess Sources Entirely iRreleVant to Education.

Now, if a professor simply said these little reserve readings were required and left it at that, I could ignore them on a moral basis. But, being the crafty beavers they are, professors inevitably base one question, essay or entire section of an exam on these critters.

Subsequently, I am forced to actually go through the motions of getting these little suckers. This consists of actually entering Gelman Library, another moral concession.

Once there, I immediately run into another problem. In order to get the call numbers for these persnickity buggers I have to know either my course number or professor's name.

Now, I don't know about the rest of you, but unless the course number is in single digits, there's no chance in hell I'll remember it. Secondly, I'm lucky if I know my professor's name, much less know how to spell it.

If I somehow overcome these obstacles and get the damn things, I am informed I must keep them in the library and return them in exactly two hours or else fines will accumulate at approximately the same rate as the interest on

the national debt.

I guess this all works fine for people who read the stuff as it's assigned — I'm told they actually do exist — but for the rest of us, this poses a problem. It simply isn't possible to read five packets of reserve readings in two hours on the night before a midterm.

The end result of all of this is a more creative answer to the designated ques-

tion on the exam and a more creative grade given by the professor. In years past this has concerned me, but being a senior now, I have learned to live under one simple adage:

'C' for Commencement.

-Scott Jared

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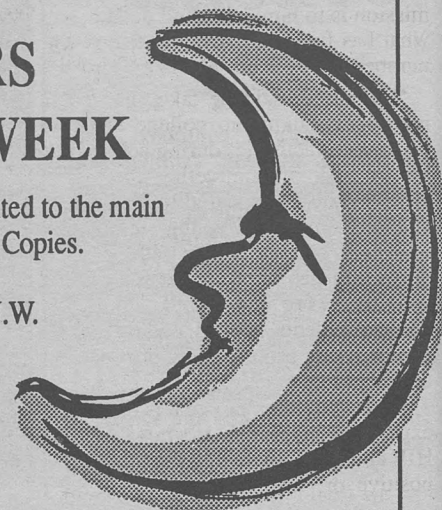
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# PB raises awareness

## HIV patients discuss living with the virus at AIDS Week event

by Kati Gazella

Hatchet Reporter

Neither Paula Fener nor William B. fit many people's image of a person who is HIV positive.

Both are heterosexual. Both come from upper-middle class environments. Both look exceptionally healthy. The most obvious difference between the two and the general population is most people lack the desire to live vigorous lives, a desire that clearly emanates from Fener and William B.

Fener and William B., both representatives from the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry, told GW students what it is like to be HIV positive at a Program Board-sponsored speech Oct. 14 in the Marvin Center. Fener and William B.'s mission is to humanize and personalize what has become merely statistics and numbers, they said.

William B. said he takes particular interest in talking to college students because his activities during college put him at risk of contracting the AIDS virus. While he appeared to be a clean-cut, all-American young man, this minister's son and student athlete used drugs and had unprotected sex. These activities were considered "cool" for college students, he said, adding that he is now living proof of how uncool they actually are.

Fener said her main goal is to use her experience to teach others how to avoid HIV and how to help those who are HIV positive or those who have AIDS.

A few years ago, Fener said she was "swept away" by a man. After their relationship ended, he called her because he had tested positive for HIV. When she learned her test results were also positive, Fener said she felt like she was "falling through space with nothing to hold on to."

She said eventually she discovered an inner strength as a result of her improved self-esteem, which has helped her to survive the two years since her diagnosis. In fact, the past two years have been the best of her life, she said.

Both Fener and William B. said they are experiencing a renewed outlook on life. They added with continuing support from family and friends they have found the road to emotional stability.

And by educating people who do not have HIV or AIDS, they give the epidemic a face and personality.

Both Fener and William B. said they hope widespread efforts to educate, along with personalized lessons, will lead to greater acceptance of people with HIV and AIDS, and the numbers will eventually stop increasing.

## Doctor encourages students to become active to fight disease

by Michelle Dixon

Hatchet Staff Writer

Claudio Betts, an AIDS epidemiologist for the Pan American Health Organization, encouraged GW students to take an active role in preventing the spread of AIDS, at a Program Board-sponsored event Wednesday.

At the event called "AIDS in the International Community," Betts discussed the changing characteristics of populations infected with the HIV virus. "To define the epidemiology of the AIDS epidemic, we can define it in one way — change, and difference, a very, very marked difference," he said, citing the increasing number of AIDS cases among young females and heterosexuals.

When AIDS was documented for the first time in Latin America in 1981, doctors found it to have been transmitted by homosexual activities, Betts said, adding that the majority of Latin American AIDS cases occurred in homosexuals in 1985. Today the percentages of HIV-positive homosexuals is shrinking while the number of HIV cases among heterosexuals and drug users is on the rise, he said.

"In 1985, only one percent of AIDS cases in Brazil were attributed to drug use, and it is 24 percent today," Betts said. The majority of cases in Brazil in 1985 were among homosexuals, but as of 1990, the percentage of homosexual cases shrunk as the number of drug-use cases grew. Betts said this is a common trend worldwide.

The number of women with AIDS has grown considerably, Betts said. In the Caribbean, for example, female heterosexuals represent the majority of the AIDS cases. He also pointed out that in the United States and Latin America, trends show the age group affected by AIDS has moved downward to the 20-year-old age group from 30-year-olds, with increasing cases among teenagers as well.

Betts emphasized the importance of preventing sexually transmitted diseases in order to curb the spread of AIDS. "STDs have been proven to help the AIDS virus," Betts said, explaining that in cases of people who have gonorrhea, the probability of contracting the virus has been shown to increase by five percent.

America has had the highest number of AIDS cases in 1990, Betts said, followed by Africa, Europe and Asia. He attributes the high number of cases in Africa and the Americas to the prominence of STDs in these regions. "That you're here tonight shows that you are probably more educated about AIDS than most people, and I would encourage you educate others as well," he said.

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# EDITORIALS

## An ounce of prevention

The University Police Department's vote to unionize this week will have bittersweet effects on all involved. While it is not our place to decide whether the members of UPD should have a union to represent them, it is a shame relations between the University and UPD could not have been worked out to avoid this step being necessary.

Those against the union claim the third-party negotiators will ultimately slow down any communication or negotiation between the administration and the officers. This is inevitably true. Anytime an extra checkpoint is established in a line of dialogue, things slow down. This is to the detriment of both parties involved. While UPD may get more of its wishes, they will take longer to come about and to implement. The administration will no longer have the luxury of speaking to those directly involved.

The narrow margin by which the vote was passed, 27-25, certainly reflects that the officers' and administration's problems had not escalated to the point where they were irreconcilable. Certainly, with such dichotomy of opinion in the workforce, negotiation between the two sides could have been salvaged earlier through better communication.

A union's effect on any situation is both good and bad. The workforce reaps the benefits of a powerful, professional negotiator to speak its side about concerns over things such as salary and benefits. On the other hand, unions can polarize relationships between management and labor, and within the workforce itself.

All of this is not to say UPD should not have unionized. The officers have to act in the manner they feel appropriate to protect their own interests. Undeniably, things would have run more smoothly and less antagonistically without the union present. Better relations earlier could have saved both sides time and trouble. The administration should take this lesson to heart in its future dealings with other labor groups.

## Slash and burn

Voters everywhere are fed up with an electoral system which favors incumbents and the disproportionate influence of special interest groups in politics. A popular movement in the District is trying to do something about this by putting an initiative on the Nov. 3 ballot to drastically slash campaign contributions. While we support the motive behind the move, the specifics of Initiative 41, as it is called, are a case of too much too soon.

The initiative proposes to cut the spending limits in the District so incumbents and challengers alike will be forced to rely less on big-budget ad campaigns and more on taking the issues to the people. These ideas are sound. Campaign spending has escalated to the point where candidates no longer need to actually speak to the people face-to-face, they have posters, billboards and television spots for that.

Unfortunately, Initiative 41 is extreme. It calls for mayoral spending limits to be chopped from its current level of a \$2,000 maximum to \$100 maximum. The D.C. Council chairman limits would drop from \$1,500 to \$100. These cuts do not give time for the gradual evolution of the system. It is naive for the founders of the proposal to think politics as usual can be changed in one fell swoop.

The initiative's opponents claim it will backfire. They say a huge reduction in ad spending will hurt challengers because incumbents are naturally known and in the news. Newcomers must establish themselves. Without the benefit of big ad budgets, they say challengers will never have a chance. This may be true if the cuts are made as currently proposed.

The people need an opportunity to experience grassroots politics again. Ideally, given that opportunity, they will expect and demand it. At that point, contribution limits can be cut to the currently proposed levels because people will not accept distant campaigning. The idea of Initiative 41 is sound, the method is overambitious.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### I was there

Jelena Budjevac does well to emphasize that fault lies with both sides on the continuing death toll in Bosnia.

However, as someone who arrived in Slovenia 24 hours after the Yugoslav Army's first attack against there in June 1991, an attack led by Serb officers and provoked only by a *civil* declaration of independence, I must emphasize that Serbia's ambition to first reassemble Yugoslavia, and later expand its own territory into Croatia is the major causes of war spreading to Bosnia.

Certainly malice on both sides continues the conflict. But the Serbian government's (and military's) original decision to safeguard with force, some would say with a view to annexation, Serb enclaves in Croatia and later Bosnia, was and is the prime impetus of the present conflict.

Given the circumstances of the beginning of the so-called "Yugoslav civil

war," namely the attack on Slovenia, and the later drive for a "Greater Serbia," Serbia's portion of blame for the resulting hatred and strife must surely be greatest.

It is this we must remember when we rightly call for discussion and exhort both sides to end the fighting and atrocities, while also trying to gauge the intentions and perceptions of the participants in the ongoing violence.

-Douglas Grindle

### Abuse of power

On Oct. 13, the Student Association Senate, arguing that the action was minor and inconsequential, passed the "Constitutional Semantics Resolution of 1992" by the vote of eight to six. This resolution provides for the amendment of Section 700 (B,E) of the SA Constitution, acknowledging the merger of the

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences into the Columbian College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

While this change is minor, it is an amendment to the SA Constitution and should be subject to student referendum, as per section 1400 of the Constitution. If the Senate is allowed to amend the Constitution in this manner, it will set a dangerous precedent. It is my fear that future Senates will misinterpret this decision as a means of bypassing constitutional procedure, allowing for the passage of substantial amendments without a student referendum.

This abuse of power would further isolate the SA from the general student population and must be prevented. Therefore, I urge all students to contact SA President Mike Musante and insist he veto this resolution.

-Richard Pearlman  
-SBPM undergraduate senator

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# OP ~ EDS

## Vending machine crisis reflects skewed UPD priorities

At approximately 2:20 a.m. Sunday morning, I saw a disturbing sight as I was walking back to campus. At the Ambulatory Care building driveway at 22nd and Eye streets, a female was on the ground crying as a man above her was trying to drag her feet. Approaching the two, I asked, "Is there anything I can help with?" The man looked up with angry eyes and said, "Just go away." His eyes were red in the lit driveway, her speech was jumbled and it was apparent both had been drinking heavily.

I then went across the street to an orange emergency phone and picked it up. The alarm sounded for 20 seconds after which I hung up the phone. I then stood at the corner waiting for a University Police Department cruiser to come investigate the phone alarm. After waiting for three minutes, and with the woman still crying on the ground while being dragged by the man, I went to the Academic Center desk and reported the scene to the UPD officer on duty.

He came outside with me and witnessed the man walking the woman across the street as she wept. She tripped on the curb, fell again and continued to cry. The officer watched. I asked him to cross the street and ask the woman if she was okay. He declined. Then I told him that if he didn't do anything about it, I would call the dispatcher and report that the UPD officer refused to assist the woman. He then told me to go across the street and ask the man to go over to him.

I reminded him that the man seemed hostile. He then said that he would look into it.

As I went down the street towards the Marvin Center, I turned and watched the woman still being dragged. The UPD officer never assisted her and the cruiser still had not come from the phone alarm. About eight minutes had passed.

Entering the Marvin Center, I saw four UPD officers monitoring the Ore Ida French Fry Machine which was producing a burning odor that occurs when it cleans itself.

### Michael Meagher

From my office, I called the UPD officer and told him about the woman. The dispatcher informed me that UPD was unable to investigate the woman's crisis for two reasons: a) the Academic Center officer cannot leave the building, and b) another emergency took priority to the woman's security. I asked if this emergency happened to be the self-cleaning french fry machine and he answered, "yes." He then went on to add if the Marvin Center caught fire and burned down, UPD would have been responsible for not acting appropriately.

Maybe that person was in terrible trouble, most likely she was not;

however, that will never be known because not one UPD officer thought that a crying woman being dragged down the street by a drunken man was important enough to investigate.

This tragic incident is an example of how a few poor judgments can greatly reduce the quality of a trusted department and service vital to our community. Not only could an officer not take the time to even ask her if she was all right, the least that UPD could have done, but their excuse was a smelly vending machine. Perhaps UPD could have called our fire department on campus if it was so concerned about a fire that a person's possible aggressor took second priority.

Further, there was never a response to the phone alarm during the total time I was watching the area. When a security phone is taken off the hook, UPD has no way of knowing what the emergency is, especially on this particular phone which is concealed in a dead-end area by the parking ramp. It could have been a rape in progress, a brutal assault or a medical emergency. You, the reader, could have been the person in need of UPD assistance for any one of the above reasons — what do you think would have happened to you?

I always had the impression that if one needed to use an orange phone, one would have several UPD squads racing to that site with sirens wailing within seconds because you do not use that phone unless it is a real EMERGENCY.

The dispatcher told me that in the respect the officers for their services and future I should call the Metropolitan Police. It is reassuring to know that if I see a crying person being dragged down the street on campus by a drunken man, I should call an overworked and underpaid police force in the nation's murder

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capital. I guess this dispatcher was trying to tell me not to bother UPD with these little matters, that I should call the D.C. police because they have the spare time.

In the future, perhaps I should call the District police. At least they will treat the incident with professionalism and, although it will take much longer, will show up. I still believe in the UPD and

wonder, though, what happened to that drunken and crying woman being dragged down 22nd Street, toward the center of campus, by a drunken man telling people passing by to go away and mind their own business. Maybe he was her brother and tucked her into bed, making sure she recovered from her hangover. Maybe he was a stranger or acquaintance who raped her. Either way it was UPD's responsibility and duty to ask if she needed help. They did not. The incident was ignored as it happened right in front of an officer's own eyes.

I hope that this will never happen again at GW, and that is why I am writing this opinion piece. I failed to convince two representatives of UPD that they should have acted. I feel that informing the GW community of this incident might persuade individuals to call UPD Director Timothy Murrell and tell him that a person's safety takes priority over a french fry machine and that when a call for help is made, it is UPD's responsibility to have an immediate response. Remember, the next mistake UPD makes could be at the expense of you or someone you care about.

Perhaps the first step in improving our campus security is to improve the security that is on our campus.

*Michael Meagher is a junior majoring in political science.*

## Gay bashing reflects hate, accentuates social turmoil

I find David Harris' Oct. 15 letter to the editor very disturbing. Not only is Mr. Harris oblivious to the feelings of his fellow humans, he very well is the perfect definition of a homophobe. Mr. Harris condemns homosexuality for several reasons, none of which are just. These statements are due to ignorance typical of the homophobe.

Mr. Harris said homosexual behavior "destabilizes the personalities of weak-willed individuals." Nothing could be more false. Homosexual behavior does not destabilize personalities. Some homosexuals may have destabilized personalities because of the stupidity that homophobes preach and they may become weak-

social programs than homosexuality. It is the 18th century, conservative views of the morally perfect, "natural" family which damages the not so natural, typical family unit of today.

The most deplorable statement Mr. Harris made is that homosexual behavior "fosters the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS." This is false. The spread of sexually transmitted diseases is fostered by conservatives who refuse to educate the public on safe sex. Yes, it is true that homosexuals are subject to AIDS and other STDs, but so is the rest of the world, regardless of sexual preference. AIDS is transmitted by unprotected sex, both heterosexual and homosexual, and sharing used needles. Where does Mr. Harris get off saying that homosexuals spread AIDS? No, Mr. Harris, ignorance like yours spreads AIDS. AIDS and other STDs can only be combated by education and using protection, not by expressing prejudice against homosexuals.

I see why Mr. Harris says that homosexuality is a threat to mental health — it is a threat to his mental health. Grow up and open your eyes! Look at the world! You can not possibly impose your morals on such a morally diverse world!

I am a secular humanist: I accept humans for who they are to me and not what they are to other people. I believe in my religion, but I do not and never will let my morals interfere with someone else's life, for it is obvious their morals won't always be the same. You can abide by your morals without being so narrow-minded. So you don't like homosexuals? Then don't become one! But don't dare to spread ignorance and falsities by advocating homophobia. You are only hurting the world that you claim you are trying to protect by further dividing it.

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### Bonnie Smith

willed when society refuses to accept them. A person is strong-willed when they are happy with themselves. How can emerging homosexuals be happy with themselves when they face abuse, prejudice and constant arguments that they are evil? One of the most strong-willed persons I know is a homosexual; he is happy with himself and he is dedicated to combatting homophobia and exposing ignorance. He is happy with himself and I have accepted him as such. Homosexual behavior is as natural as heterosexual behavior, for they are human behaviors. Homosexual behavior does not destabilize the personalities of weak-willed individuals, homophobia does.

As for the existence of homosexuality being destructive to the "natural" family unit, there is no such proof. Harris' statements are ridiculous. The family unit is destabilized more by child and spouse abuse, drug use, violence and the lack of

## Witness accounts ignored

Outrage hardly reflects my disappointment concerning the manner in which the GW Police Department has handled the procedures regarding the Oct. 8, 1992 arrest of a GW student. Not only has the department proven itself to exhibit extreme biases, it has also demonstrated significant evidence exemplifying a lack of procedural know-how that mocks the very core of our judicial system. The Oct. 15 issue of The GW Hatchet published an article quoting University Police Director Timothy Murrell as saying that the alleged assailant stated, "if you don't shut up, I will and can hit you." Furthermore, Mr. Murrell reports that the alleged assailant hit the alleged victim. Had Mr. Murrell or anyone on his staff taken the time to read and investigate the numerous witness statements from the evening of Oct. 8, they would have judged better than to slander the alleged assailant.

The University Police Department has placed its jurisdiction above and beyond the alleged assailant's Constitutional rights. By never once utilizing the term "alleged" in reference to the student, the right presuming innocence until proven guilty has been nullified.

Not only are the accusations against the student not cross-referenced with witness accounts, they are also misleading and misrepresentative of the facts. Contrary to the article and Mr. Murrell's insinuations, disregarded witness statements verify the fact that the student never issued any threats against the alleged victim. In fact, the alleged victim's "friends" were the first to initiate any type of altercation with the student and his friends. After verbally assaulting the student, the alleged victim displayed a horrific scene in losing complete self-control, whereby she proceeded to physically threaten and attack the student.

Further accusations include Mr. Murrell's quote that "the assailant was intoxicated." Since no sobriety test of any kind was adminis-

tered, by whose standards do we determine the basis for this defamatory remark? Had Mr. Murrell's staff followed procedure in evaluating levels of "intoxication," they surely would have found that the allegations they published were false.

A similar, and equally poorly-researched, article appeared in the Oct. 12, 1992 issue of The Insider where the same false allegations were equated with fact. The Insider finalized its slanderous article with the University Police Department Senior Associate Director Dolores Stafford's quote saying that after following the student in his patrol car, the arresting officer "was forced to conclude the chase on foot." Witness accounts report the

*Gita Kumar  
Jennifer Valladaros  
Gabrielle Kassel*

foot chase to have lasted less than five seconds when the arresting officer stepped out of his car and walked up the stationary student waiting on the curb. Some chase!

The manner in which the entire situation was subsequently mismanaged represents the way in which the University Police has demonstrated blatant disregard for its primary responsibility: GW students. Without the UPD's insurance of the promulgation of student rights, whose purpose are they really serving?

*Gita Kumar and Gabrielle Kassel graduated from the School of Business and Public Management in 1992. Jennifer Valladaros is a senior in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences. The three were witnesses to the Oct. 8 incident.*



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# IMPRESSIONS

## Public Eye better off remaining in private

by Shalini Gopalakrishnan

The previews of *The Public Eye*, starring Joe Pesci, promise a '40s-style film noir mystery, a slapstick comedy and an action movie. While the movie does deliver these three genres on a superficial level, it does none of the genres well. The writers tried to include a little bit of every popular genre and ended up with a movie that is both shallow and underdeveloped.

The pairing of Pesci and Barbara Hershey, who plays the film's femme fatale, is ludicrous rather than romantic. Their one and only love scene provides the comic highlight of the movie. The movie does represent well the wonderful decor and atmosphere of the '40s. The sets are dark without being dingy and the costumes have a flair associated with movies such as *Guys and Dolls*.

Unfortunately, this movie does not compare with other great movies set in the '30s and '40s on any other level. The lead role of The Great Bernzini, a press photographer extraordinaire who has the uncanny ability to arrive at crime scenes and get his photos before the police even arrive, is trademark Pesci. While Pesci delivers one-liners with his usual panache, his comic genius is undercut by the writers' attempts to make his character into a serious dramatic hero.

It is hard for the audience to get a grasp on the character when they see him making sarcastic comments about a corpse one moment and earnestly trying to convince a publisher that his photos are art the next. As if this was not enough confusion, the movie is further complicated by the inclusion of a Mafia-violence backdrop that adds little to the plot but a lot of blood and gore.

This movie gets worse with every scene as the conflicting aspects of the plot are never fully developed. Instead, we get a movie that tries to be a romantic thriller, an action comedy and a serious drama, but ends up failing miserably at all three. On the whole, *The Public Eye* is a disappointing movie that proves the old adage "too many cooks — or in this case, too many genres — spoil the broth."



Joe Pesci

## Michelle Shocked proves talent by performing without backup

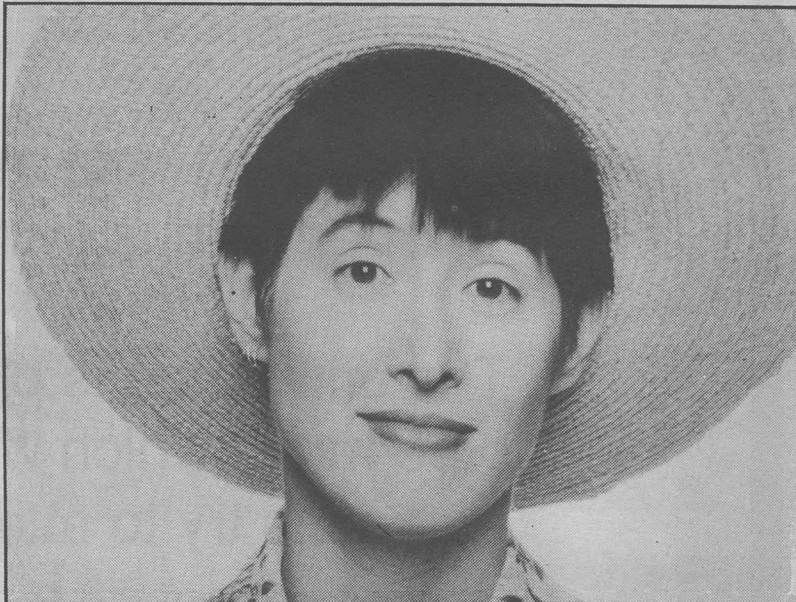
by Daniel Owen

Michelle Shocked delighted and entertained her audience Oct. 14 at the George Mason University Center for the Arts. The politically correct term for her performance is probably "instrumentally challenged" because she was forced to play without her band, whose absence went unexplained. Nevertheless, it was a challenge that she rose to with her enormous talent and unstoppable humor. "I want y'all to imagine a real poignant mandolin solo just here," she requested in the middle of one number. "I really should start to learn some lead guitar," she later joked.

But this was not a show that was going to be spoiled by the absence of a band. An appreciative crowd was treated to some of Shocked's classics performed solo, and no one complained.

At times, Shocked was able to stand on the stage and have people yell requests at her from all directions. She played most of their requests, rousing a roaring cheer that drowned out the first few lines of the song. Others she wasn't even able to play. "Someone else normally plays the guitar for that song now and I don't think I can remember what the chords are," she explained with a broad grin.

When she wasn't singing and strumming, Shocked was talking. And she had an awful lot to say — from how she learnt to drive, to why her brother has red hair, to how she felt being married, to how Jimmy Carter was a centrist. At times the audience would interrupt with



calls of "sing a song," but then others would call out "tell us a story," just to be difficult. "I'm so confused," Shocked protested.

She treated the audience to a mixture of Shocked's oldies, mixed with tracks from her latest album, *Arkansas Traveler* (Mercury). *Traveler* is intended to be the final link in a trilogy that started with her first album, *Short, Sharp, Shocked*. It provides a wonderful, eclectic mix of styles and paces including R&B, folk, bluegrass and country. Even an Irish flute can be heard on the album. The overall effect is bright and lively and it's as much fun to listen to as it obviously was to put together.

*Arkansas Traveler* is a musical road movie.

Her album, like her concert, is a personal performance. The musical influences are from Shocked's childhood. In the list of performers on the album insert, she is identified only as "Arkansas Traveler" — except once, where she is "Prodigal Daughter."

Whatever role she wants to play — and there is a fair degree of uncertainty on her part about this — and whatever music she wants to play, Shocked is an outstanding musician, leaving her audience — whether on tape or onstage — hoping she'll give them just one more song.

## Columbia unveils new jazz label, teams up with Japanese industry

by Lee Hoffman

In the music industry, it is usually the artists, not the labels, who are the innovators, the ones who shake up the system. However, the birth of the new conglomerate DIW / Columbia — DIW is a jazz label from Japan, Columbia is one of the giants in American music — proves innovation can occur in the business office as well as in the studio. As a result, DIW / Columbia is making modern jazz recordings available for the first time to both American and Japanese listeners.

Since the team-up, DIW / Columbia has sent two waves of modern jazz releases onto American shores. The first group of albums met with rave reviews from many critics. With artists such as the Art Ensemble of Soweto and the Andrew Cyrille Quintet leading the way for the second group of recordings, jazz fans on both sides of the Pacific will have plenty of good music to choose from.

The Art Ensemble of Soweto takes up the formidable task of combining

American modern jazz elements with African rhythms and tribal chants while making biting social commentary on it's new album, *America-South Africa*. The result is a satisfying mix of sounds that leaves listeners guessing where the group will take them next on its musical roller coaster.

Soweto is actually a conglomeration of two separate groups. The Art Ensemble of Chicago, 20-year veterans of modern jazz, provide the avant-garde underpinnings upon which the music is based, while the Amabutho Male Chorus provides the South African sounds which set this disc apart from others. Although the groups have diverse musical styles, the message that each conveys is remarkably similar. The combination of the two leads to incredible results.

Nowhere is the combination of musical styles more effectively utilized than on the opening cut, "U.S. of A.-U. of S.A." This 18-minute epic takes the listener on a journey through every tempo and dynamic imaginable. The song makes comparisons between the

racist policies of both the United States and the country of South Africa, while singing the praises of black leaders of both countries who have fought against such oppression. Ominous background chants leave the listener with an eerie feeling that perhaps there isn't that much separating the two countries after all.

The Andrew Cyrille Quintet is a much more traditional group, perhaps the most mainstream group in the new batch of DIW / Columbia releases. Led by percussionist Andrew Cyrille and featuring the work of Oliver Lake on saxophone and Hannibal on trumpet, the group puts in a solid performance on its latest release, *My Friend Louis*.

Though Cyrille is undeniably the star of the show, he is not stingy in sharing the spotlight with the other members of his band. The band comes out swinging with the up-tempo tribute to Malcolm X entitled "Soul Brother" to start the album. On this cut, Hannibal is given a chance to shine and he does so in style, playing both the lower soulful ranges



and soaring into the sky. Cyrille gets his pound of flesh as well and performs a surprisingly traditional — yet impressive — drum solo.

The band slows down the tempo for "Kiss on the Bridge" and gives Hannibal the chance to show the limits of where a trumpet can go. The cut "My

Friend Louis" — dedicated to South African drummer Louis Moholo — allows the band to end the album at a frenetic pace. The 14-minute song assures that everyone has ample opportunity to take impressive rides for quite some time. But after all, isn't that what jazz is all about?



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# Students seek jobs in the final frontier

by Lori Weinstein

Hatchet Reporter

Sally Ride was an English major, but it was her doctorate in astrophysics that NASA found most useful. She is an example of the type of person NASA seeks for its astronaut program, which is open to anyone with a four-year college degree.

Natalie Belle, a respiratory therapist at GW Medical Center, is currently in the middle of the application process to become a mission specialist at NASA and spoke at a meeting of the Students for the Exploration and Development of Space Oct. 14.

The days when only "supermen" were considered for space exploration are gone, Belle said. Modern astronauts don't have to be in perfect physical condition, come out of the military, be a daredevil pilot or even be male, stressed an ABC documentary "To Be an Astronaut," which was shown at the meeting.

Belle said NASA has two main fields for astronauts: pilots and mission specialists, or scientists. Both require a bachelor's degree in engineering, biological science, physical science or mathematics. An advanced degree is desirable and mission specialists can substitute their degree for up to three years of experience, she added.

In addition to the educational requirements, there are also flight and physical requirements. However, Belle estimated 90 percent of the population could most likely pass the preliminary physical examinations.

NASA looks for people who are able to follow directions, adapt to different environments and work with a team, Belle said. "Definitely hit the math and science, but learn ways of solving problems," she said. "Learn how to look at things from different aspects."

Although space exploration is a dangerous profession, the risks are not enough to deter SEDS members. "I've always wanted to be an astronaut," sophomore Nathan Earles said. "It's a childhood dream."

SEDS Vice President Sheila House said she hopes others will become interested in both the club and NASA's programs. "There are a lot of mysteries that need to be solved and the way to do that is to pull together diverse people from different backgrounds and with different interests," House said.

SEDS Co-founder Adrian Abraham said the organization helps students aspire to higher goals. "With SEDS, I'd like to capture the 'can-do' spirit, striving to overcome the challenges, galvanizing the human spirit of adventure and discovery, and inspiring the intellectual capacity human beings have to possibly contribute to all mankind," Abraham said.

NASA selects members for its astronaut class every two years. On average, NASA receives 2,000 applications and accepts only about one percent of them, Belle said. After the space shuttle Challenger crashed in January 1986, though, the pool of applicants decreased to 500, she said.

# MSA members protest U.N. arms embargo

by Deanna Reiter

Hatchet Staff Writer

Students from the Muslim Student Association rallied at the State Department Friday in an attempt to urge President Bush to lift the U.N. arms embargo on Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Protesters said they hope to "raise awareness" of the issue and get people to call or write to the White House so the president and secretary of state will get a "sense . . . that this is something people care about," GW MSA President Mahmoud Kazmi said.

"(The President) probably would not change (his decision) even if 15,000 people showed up. (We need to) get visibility of the facts and teach people we have power," graduate student Abdul Qatar, who helped organize the rally, said.

Students came to protest Bush's decisions for many reasons. David Sloan, a member of the Student Association For Israel, described the situation in Bosnia as "a replay of 1942 (World War II). America ignored the situation in

Germany and we saw the price we paid then."

"The arms embargo is only hurting Bosnia," GW student Stephen Hellman said. Aliameh Anwar, who also participated in the rally, said the United States should spend just as much money for Bosnia as the country did for the Middle East. "(America) has no interests there (in Bosnia)," Anwar said.

"(The U.S.) just came out of Iraq. If we want to stop aggression, then we must stop all aggressors. It should be part of our foreign policy," said Esam Abdulrahman, vice president of the National Muslim Student Association.

"It's a humanitarian thing. (The deaths of Bosnians are) not a political, economical, or ethical issue," Qatar said.

A Yugoslavian delegation with two representatives each from Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia were supposed to meet with the U.N. ambassador to Bosnia at the State Department at 3 p.m., one hour after the rally began, Abdulrahman said. The delegation would not comment on the rally.

## Correction

The headline on the Oct. 15 story about a GW student arrested by Metropolitan Police should have said he was arrested for simple assault. The editors regret the error.

# Sororities raise money for charity

Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority won Sigma Chi's 1992 Derby Days, a competition between sororities that raised about \$1,000 for charity, Derby Days Chairman Dan Gonzalez said.

The sororities competed against each other at Francis Field Saturday to win the most points in Derby Days events, including basketball, tennis and volleyball. Gonzalez said the talent show Thursday night, based on this year's

theme of Alice in Wonderland, was successful. "We had a good turnout . . . it was really nice and fun. The sororities put a lot of effort into it," he said.

The event raised money for Lift Me Up, a Virginia charity that gives disabled people the opportunity to ride horses, Gonzalez said.

Sigma Chi pledge Alex Cepeda described his first impression of Derby Days. "It's a great way to have fun and

meet each other while raising money for a good cause," he said.

Last year, the event raised \$1,500 for Lift Me Up. This year, Sigma Kappa and Phi Sigma Sigma sororities could not participate, so they gave Gonzalez a donation for the charity.

-Tommi Custer and Lisa Leiter

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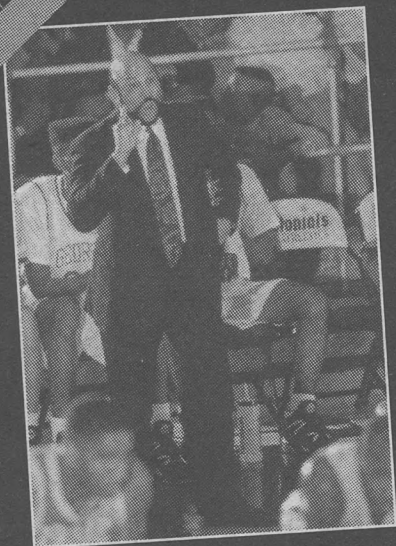
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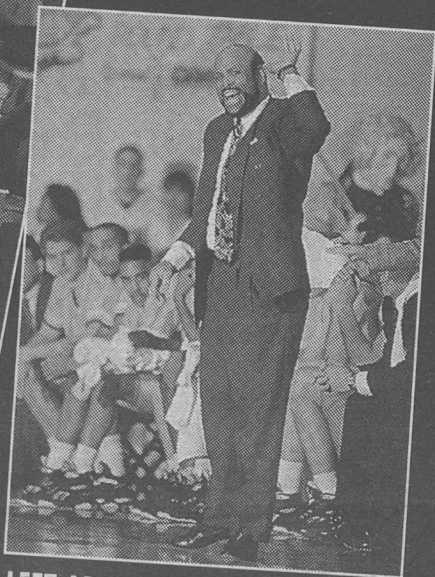
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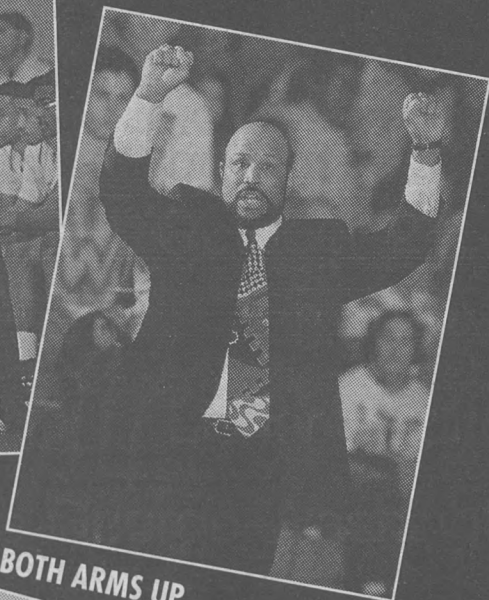
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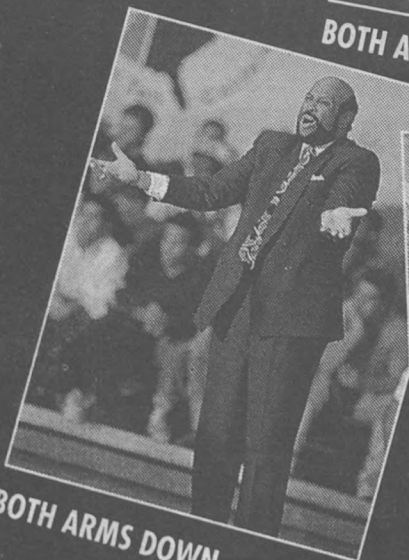
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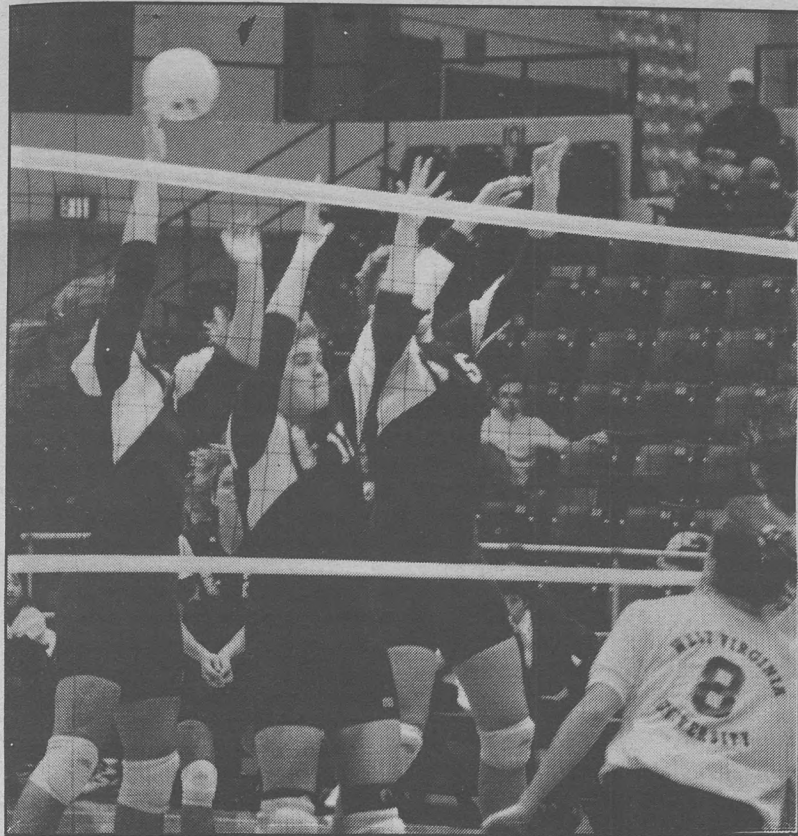


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GW's front line came at West Virginia with full force.

## Volleyball drops Drexel, WVU for eight-game winning streak

by James Dinan

Hatchet Sports Writer

The GW women's volleyball team continued on its winning ways this weekend with two big victories at the Smith Center. The Colonial Women defeated Atlantic 10 rival West Virginia (15-3, 15-0 and 15-12) and Drexel University (15-6, 15-8 and 15-7) and now ride on an eight-match and 23-game winning streak.

GW (18-5 overall, 5-0 in the A-10) dominated the first two sets against West Virginia Saturday, scoring 30 kills and a .394 attack percentage. They then held off a Mountaineer rally to take the third game and the match. Overall, GW had 50 kills and 11 service aces, compared to West Virginia's 26 kills and four aces.

The Colonial Women were once again led by freshman outside hitter Svetlana Vtyurina, who had 16 kills and seven service aces. Senior setter Tracy Webster had 33 assists, while sophomore hitter Liz Martin provided 11 digs in the winning effort.

GW head coach Susie Homan said she was impressed with her team's showing. "I was happy with their performance against West Virginia. It was the championship match for us because we set three goals during the season. Our first goal is to win the first match in the round-robin, our second goal is to win the final match in the round-robin and our final goal is to win the conference championship. I thought we played well."

In their match against Drexel Friday, Vtyurina again took

charge with 18 kills. Webster had 36 assists, while Martin added 12 digs. This match was also important because of the return of sophomore hitter Kelly McCarty, who was out for a few weeks with mononucleosis.

GW dominated most of the match offensively, committing only 11 errors and scoring an attack percentage of .326. The Colonial Women scored 22 block assists in the match, compared to the Lady Dragons' four. Drexel committed 28 errors and scored an attack percentage of only .046.

Homan expressed happiness with her team's play. "I was really pleased with our performance against Drexel. We knew they would not be a strong offensive team, but they finally came out toward the end of the second and into the third set. They played aggressive defensive so we could get some good rallies and at least have a very aggressive third game against them. I thought we did well," she said.

Homan said she expects a good defensive match against James Madison University this week. "I think they are a lot like Drexel. They started off well in the beginning of the season, but have not played quite as well recently. We're a good team to upset right now, so everyone is out right now to win a game against us or score an upset in the match. I'm sure that's what James Madison is after, and our goal is to prevent it."

**Spikes** — The Colonial Women travel to Harrisburg, Va. to play James Madison University Tuesday at 7 p.m.

## GW sets new record with Rutgers 2-2 tie

by Becky Heruth

Asst. Sports Editor

The GW men's soccer team set a new mark for most tied games in a season — six — by tying Rutgers 2-2 Saturday in New Brunswick, N.J. to bring its current record to 5-2-6.

Sophomore midfielder Marcelo Valencia, sophomore midfielder Moises Reyes and junior goalkeeper Robert Christian, returned to the team after being out last week with injuries. "They were recovered to a certain degree," GW head coach George Lidster said. "The rest helped," he added.

GW started off at a disadvantage, once again playing on AstroTurf. Also, Rutgers ran a promotion to bring in nearly 4,000 fans. "This put us behind right from the start," Lidster said.

These factors may have led to the Scarlet Knights' first goal, scored only five minutes into the game. GW did not let the Rutgers' lead bother them as the team battled back. "The players did well," Lidster said.

"They managed to sustain the pressure."

The Colonials came back to tie up the game in the second half as Valencia had a shot on goal, which the goalkeeper stopped. Reyes, however, did not let the run of play stop. He followed up with a shot of his own to score and tie the game 1-1.

Later on in the second half, freshman forward Stephen Masten was ejected from the game after an argument with the referee. "Even though we were down a player, we continued to play well," Lidster said, as the two teams moved into overtime.

The Colonials finally took the lead in the first period of overtime, as Valencia moved the ball up the right side of the field and passed it to junior forward Miguel Reyes who scored. It looked to be a GW win until Rutgers managed to pull off a goal in the last five minutes of the game.

**Goals** — The Colonials host Rhode Island Wednesday at Francis Field at 3 p.m.

## Booters dominate Stony Brook as Rife scores twice in 3-1 victory

by Rachell Long

Hatchet Sports Reporter

The GW women's soccer team exerted its control over the State University of New York-Stony Brook, to coast to a 3-1 victory Saturday in Stony Brook, N.Y.

"We dominated most of the play," GW head coach Shannon Higgins said. A comparison of both teams' shots on goal shows this. The Colonial Women had 22 shots on goal during the first period, compared to Stony Brook's three.

Twenty-nine minutes into the game, senior forward Beth Rife took the ball across the top of the box and hammered in a goal from 16 yards out. Freshman midfielder Maggie Miller earned the assist.

GW (7-5-1) scored again with 2:22 left to play in the first period. Freshman defender Amy Sellers at 35 yards out volleyed the ball with her chest and took the ball in to score 20 yards from the goal, ending the period 2-0. "It was beautiful," Higgins said.

The outlook for Stony Brook improved little during the second half. The team took only nine shots on goal during the second period compared to the Colonial Women's 12. Finally, 71 minutes into the game, Chris Amorin scored a goal for the home team.

Less than one minute later, GW's Rife repeated the success of her first period goal, pounding the ball into the back of the cage with her right foot to raise the Colonial Women's lead to 3-1.

Stony Brook's defense and goalkeeper Chris Foley had a busy day, saving 21 of the Colonial women's attempted shots. "We played a good game, (although) the score could have been more," Higgins admitted.

Higgins described Rife and Sellers as "exceptional players." "They do the simple things right," she said.

"We have some tough games ahead... teams who are breaking ground, like

us," Higgins said when describing difficult opponent. GW plays upcoming games with teams such as University of Maryland, Xavier University, Wright State University and Temple. She singled out the University of Wisconsin at Madison, ranked No. 2 in the final poll in 1991, as an especially

**Shots** — In their second game on the road, the Colonial Women travel to College Park, Md. to face the University of Maryland Wednesday at 3 p.m.

## Fall Sports At-A-Glance

CURRENT RECORD	LAST GAME	NEXT GAME
<b>Volleyball</b>		
18-5 5-0 in A-10	Win, 15-3, 15-0, 15-12 vs. West Virginia	at James Madison University Oct. 20-7 p.m.
<b>Men's Soccer</b>		
5-2-6 1-0-2 in A-10	Tie, 2-2 at Rutgers	vs. Rhode Island Oct. 21-3 p.m.
<b>Women's Soccer</b>		
7-5-1	Win, 3-1 at SUNY-Stony Brook	at University of Maryland Oct. 21-3 p.m.
<b>Cross-Country</b>		
Men- 17-6 Women- 10-5	Men- 4th of 6 Women- 3rd of 5 at University of Maryland Invitational	at Atlantic 10 Championships Bronx, N.Y. Oct. 24-10 a.m.
<b>Crew</b>		
	Men's Championship Eight 15:18; 22nd of 40 overall, 3rd of 10 in Dad Vail League	Head of the Schuylkill Regatta Oct. 24 and Women's Championship Eight 16:52; 14th of 33 overall, 1st of 10 in Dad Vail League Oct. 25

## Sports Brief

The GW golf team scored a 325 to place fourth out of 13 in the Wellesley College Fall Invitational Oct. 13. The University of Delaware took first with 303 strokes, Western Maryland University finished second with 318 and Wellesley College golfed a 324 to place third.

Leading the Colonials was senior Scott Allen with a 76, which placed him second out of 75 golfers. Senior Ken Tyrrell finished with 81, while freshmen Bobby Snyder and Scott Lutz added 82 and 86.

Last weekend, Lutz traveled to the ECAC Championships at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., where he finished 68th out of 113 players. Lutz had a 77 the first day to tie for second, but totaled 85 the second for a total of 162.

"It's excellent just being there," GW head coach Keith Betts said. Lutz is the first finalist from GW to make it this far and the team missed the final round by only three shots.

"We have made a remarkable jump," Betts said. "We've proven to be a top quality team."

-Becky Heruth



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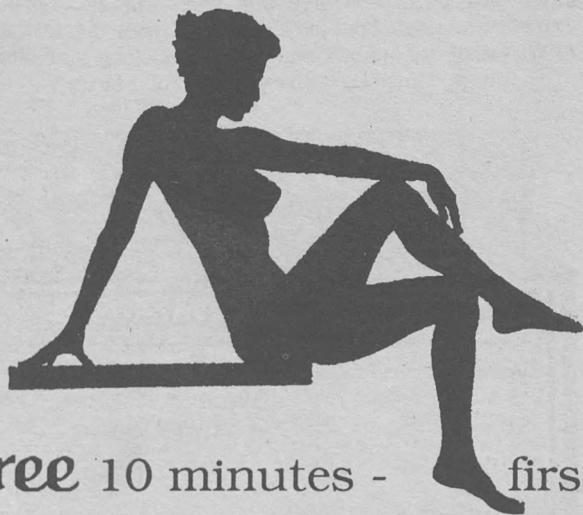
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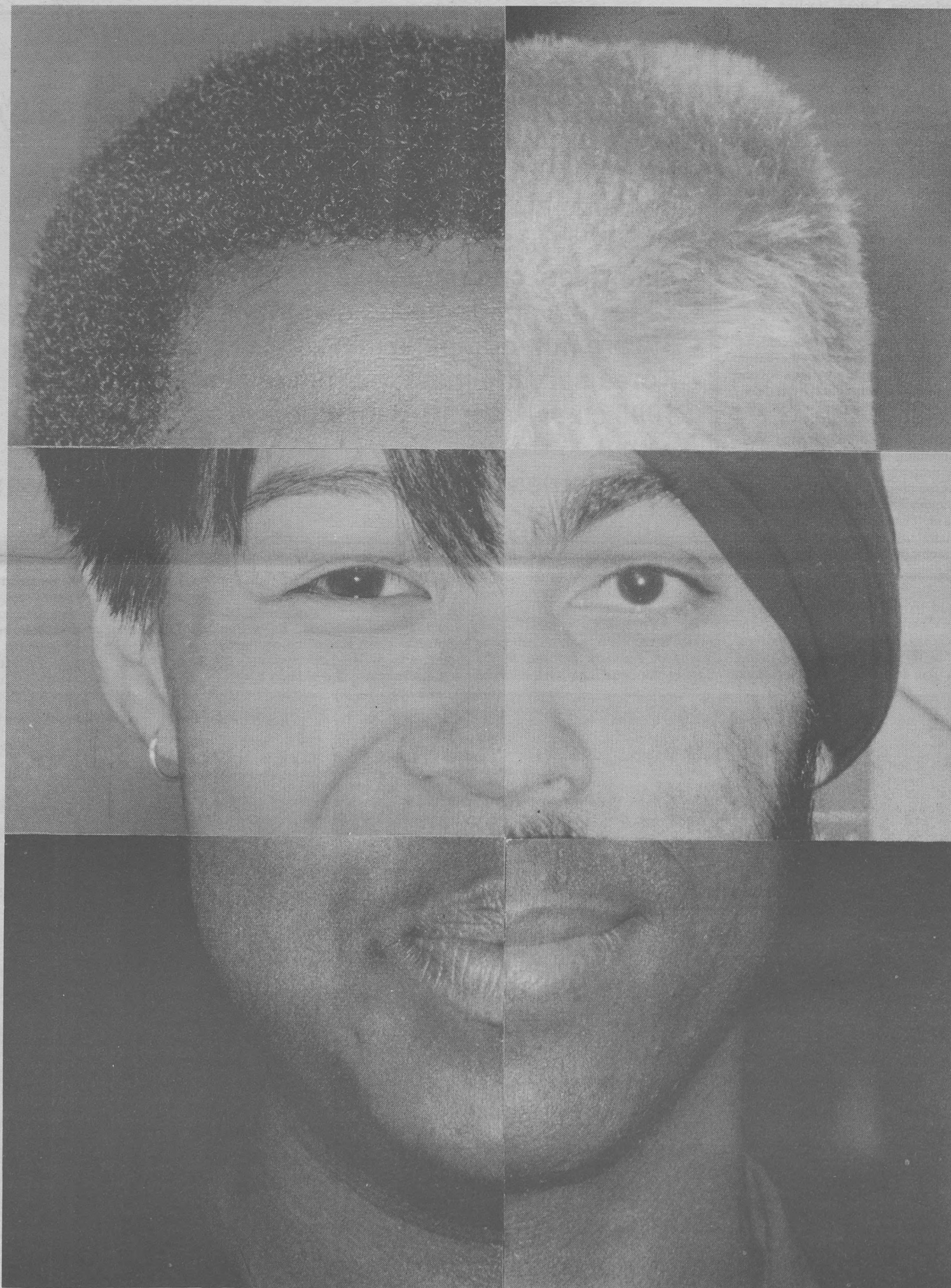


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# Diversity, race constantly make themselves issues throughout nation's history and now at University

by Scott Jared

Ideally, diversity would be America's greatest asset. The entire democratic process is built to accommodate individuals and their different perspectives. Yet, in America's brief history, no issue has caused more hatred, incited more controversy or proved more divisive than the diversity and race of America's people. This section takes a look at how the diversity of the American population affects everyday life at GW.

The very ideas and slogans upon which America defines itself reflect its longing for an equal and unified populace: *All men are created equal* . . . *The great melting pot* . . . *Liberty and Justice for all* . . . *Land of the free*. Each of these phrases paints the picture of a place where a person's basic value as a human being overrides all other factors, where there is an intrinsic worth attached to human life which must be preserved without regard to an individual's ideas, gender, race, sexuality or place of citizenship.

But despite these written aspirations, even a cursory glance at the major events in American history requires one to question either the sincerity or feasibility of these writings. The Constitution was written by slave owners. It originally provided only for the interests, opinions and freedoms of white, male property owners. It declared blacks the property of whites and made them only three-fifths of a person. It took a civil war — the most destructive conflict a nation can face — to break the country of the institution of slavery.

Some reconcile these incongruities and argue that judging people from another time by contemporary views is like comparing apples to oranges. The Constitution does have remarkable foresight in its construction as a living, amendable document. The Constitution

later declared slavery illegal in the 13th amendment. When the American people rejected the notion that only white men should be entitled to vote, the Constitution evolved with their ideas, giving suffrage to women and minorities.

Legislation aside, the diversity of America is an issue that will simply not

ensure other nations' right to sovereignty, the individual rights and sovereignty of innocent American citizens were trampled solely on the basis of their ancestry. Yet, the public outcry was minimal.

Our parents' generation is defined by the 1960s. The fight for civil rights and

people and government took notice of the problem of racial inequality in America.

But what seemed like genuine solutions that came out of those times have proved to be temporary pacifications. Our generation is just as divided, if not more so, than our parents' and grandpa-

grassroots, popular action of our generation.

Our generation threatens to commit the same mistakes of our grandparents. Just this summer, thousands of Haitians fleeing injustice and war arrived on our shores in search of refuge. They were turned away, told they were not wanted.

While all of this is certainly pertinent it is all distant. For the handful of GW students who come from L.A., the riots may have affected a friend or family member directly. For the small population of Haitians at GW, the rejection of those seeking sanctuary was a huge blow. But for the general population at GW, it is the events in our dorms, on our campus and in our classrooms which have the greatest impact.

Already this year, University Police and this newspaper have been accused of racial stereotyping in their methods of reporting crime. The opinion section of this issue contains pieces written by students decrying homophobia on campus. In this section, black students criticize the administration's hesitation in creating an Africana studies curriculum. International students have voiced a concern with lack of representation in student government.

Often college life is protection from the problems of greater society. In the realm of diversity and race, this does not apply. If anything, many students must confront these issues for the first time in their lives. Students who went to largely homogeneous high schools are thrown onto a campus with people of all races and countries. College is often the first place people encounter open homosexuality. The way we react to these new people and ideas determines much of how we view and participate in the world.

This section is an attempt to examine that process and, through discussion and education, improve it.

## Quick Facts about GW's multiculturalism and diversity

- Nearly 20% of 5,300 full-time undergraduate students are non-domestic or non-white.
- Of GW's Class of 1996, 23% of them are ethnic minorities, compared to 18% nationally
- 16 to 17% are domestic minorities
- 8% are non-domestic minorities
- Korea sent the most international students to the 1996 class, with 12. Japan comes in second with 8.
- 44 countries are represented in the freshman class.

go away. Diversity and race problems have left defining events in the generations of our grandparents, parents and even ourselves.

One of America's greatest incongruities is the internment of American citizens of Japanese descent. In the midst of America's greatest effort to

opposition to the Vietnam war dominated the social uprising of the '60s. The population thought that segregation and "separate but equal" was wrong and would not be tolerated. Race riots erupted in cities across the nation by people who declared the hypocrisy of the Constitution. It seemed that, finally,

rents' generation. Nothing reflects the stagnation of the problem more than the recent riots in Los Angeles. A generation after the Watts neighborhood was burned down in fury over racial inequality, south-central L.A., blocks away from Watts, suffered the same fate. To date, it is the most powerful example of



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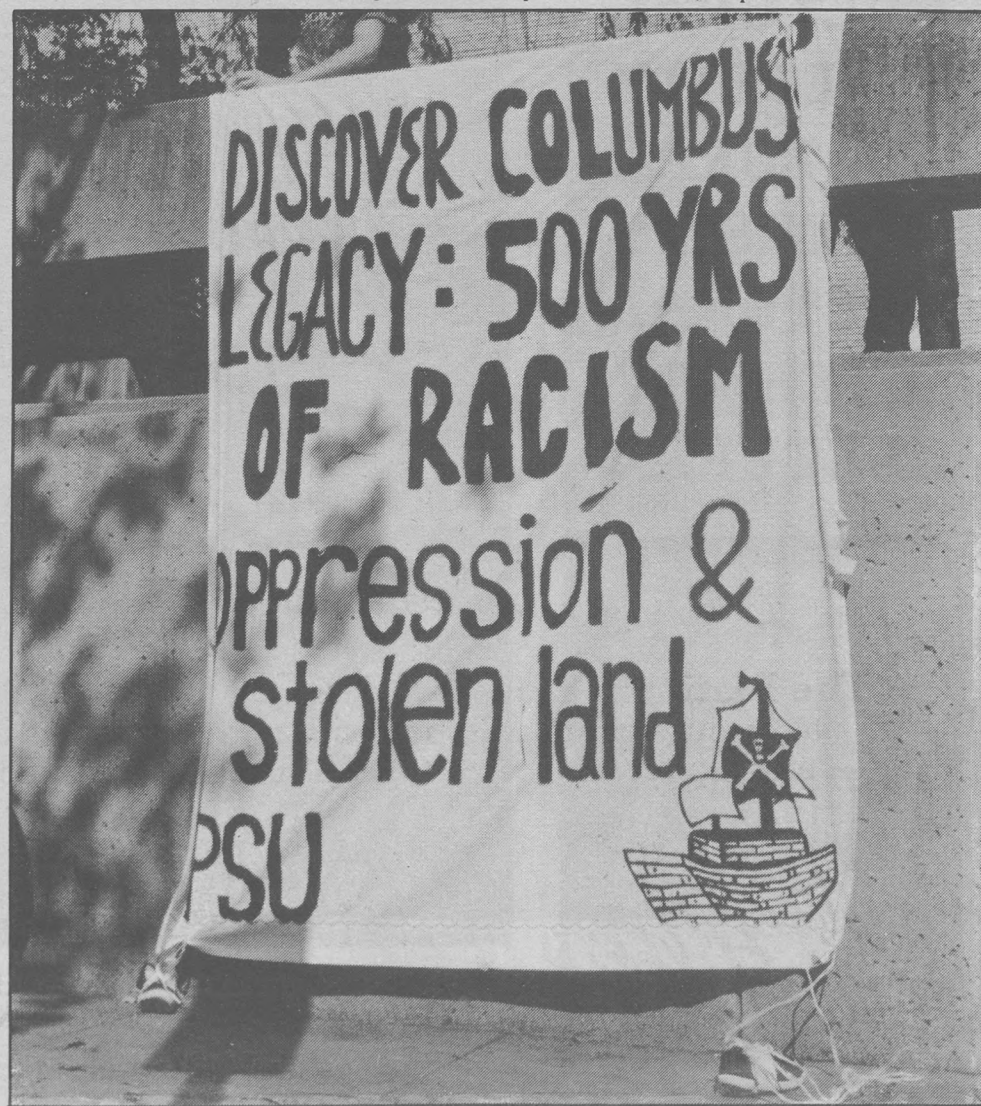


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# Women run rampant in this year's election

by Vince Tuss

Consider some of the biggest buzzwords in politics in the past year: *Roe v. Wade*, the Clarence Thomas hearings, anti-incumbency from the House of Representatives' post office and bank scandals. What do all of these have in common? They are currently propelling women into the biggest political role they have ever had in American history.

President Bush always makes the point that there will be a large turnover in the new Congress and women are making the most of the opportunity. Estimates put the number of new representatives and senators at nearly 100. Before the start of the primary season, 21 women were running for the Senate while 143 contested for House seats.

Eleven women earned their party's nomination for the Senate races while more than 70 won for the House. Races are close across the country, especially for Illinois' Carol Mosely Braun and Pennsylvania's Lynn Yeakel, but the number of women senators and representatives looks to rise from their current level of three and 29, respectively.

Yeakel sprang onto the scene at the opportune moment, after the Senate Judiciary Committee's unpopular handling of Anita Hill's testimony concerning sexual harassment in Clarence Thomas' nomination hearings for the Supreme Court. Yeakel is running against Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), who along with Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), took the brunt of the backlash.

California provides the perfect example of the rise of women in the political scene. Former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Congresswoman Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) have been nominated for the two open Senate seats in that state, as well as 16 others for the 52 House seats up for grabs Nov. 3.

The issue of minority candidates has crept into the presidential race. The final question in the Richmond, Va. debate last Thursday asked Bush, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot when they would estimate their parties to nominate and elect an Afro-American and female ticket to the presidency.

Clinton cited the 11 Senate candidates in his response, as well as the fact that women could bring a new outlook to government because of their experience in not earning equal pay or getting family leave.

"So I think it would be a good thing for America if it happened," Clinton said. "And I think it will happen in my lifetime."

The activity is not solely limited to the federal level. Twelve states will have gubernatorial races this Election Day and Montana, New Hampshire and Rhode Island are fielding female candidates.

One may cite the saying, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." After the rise of many women's issues in the past year — the U.S. Navy's Tailhook scandal and the concern over breast cancer, along with the others previously mentioned — women are now looking to do both at the polls.

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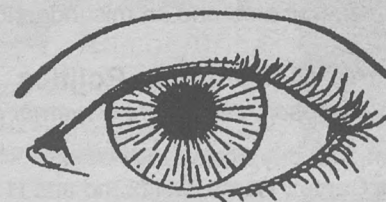
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# Courts work to strike down college hate crime codes, but political correctness still remains a campus concern

by Lisa Leiter

This has not been a good year for those who want to control speech on campus. Even before the Supreme Court sent its signal that politically correct speech codes face close scrutiny, several lower courts were finding such restrictions unconstitutional.

Federal judges in both New York and Virginia said faculty members and students could not be punished for politically incorrect expressions.

Philosophy professor Michael Levin sued the City College of New York in 1990 after it established a committee to review his writings, which stated that blacks were intellectually inferior to whites. The college also wanted to form another section of his class, according to a Student Press Law Center report.

A federal judge ruled that the school cannot punish a faculty member for "politically incorrect" expression. The college attempted to appeal the decision, but the request was denied last spring.

In 1991, a U.S. District Court in Virginia rejected George Mason University's attempt to suspend the local chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity because members wore blackface in a contest during "Dress a Sig," a skit which is part of Derby Days, an annual, week-long event. GMU officials called the contest racist and sexist.

The court overturned the fraternity's suspension. George Mason appealed the court's ruling and still awaits the decision.

The U.S. Supreme Court continued this trend June 22 when it struck down a St. Paul, Minn. hate crimes law. In a five-justice majority opinion written by Antonin Scalia, the court stated that the law violated the First Amendment.

"The First Amendment does not permit St. Paul to impose special prohibitions on those speakers who

express views on disfavored subjects," Scalia wrote.

Several First Amendment lawyers and experts claim the Supreme Court's ruling has had significant effects on campus speech codes.

The University of Wisconsin's Board of Regents approved a hate-speech code

lems when a university dictates how a professor or student should feel about a political subject," he says. "If we start dictating, then there's no need for an educational system."

In addition, University of Michigan officials during the past two years have rewritten their policy that includes a

issues. "It's quite a terrible mistake for those two things to be combined," she says. "Allowing those to be merged trivializes hate speech, which is not politically incorrect speech but personally threatening and generating great fear."

Unlike these schools, GW students do

them in court, even if they were not punished by the code. No hearing has been scheduled for the bill, which sits in the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.

George Fishman, Hyde's legislative counsel, says the Supreme Court's ruling only confirmed what they already knew. "The decision adds more weight to our bill . . . so that these speech codes will be judged by constitutional standards at private universities," he says.

Asked what the future holds for PC and speech codes, Fishman says he thinks more litigation will help destroy all speech codes within a number of years. He adds that university officials are "in for a long haul" because each time a speech code is deemed unconstitutional, they rewrite them.

Fishman also says although publicity surrounding the PC movement has slowed down, it does not mean it has gone away. "The (speech codes) at private schools will keep spreading . . . (but) the First Amendment is clear," he added.

Sen. Larry Craig (D-Idaho) is sponsoring the Freedom of Speech on Campus Act, which says the Department of Education could withdraw federal funds from schools that prohibit constitutionally-protected speech.

The bill would add this speech to the rights guaranteed to college students in federally-funded programs under Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972. The legislation — currently sitting in the Labor and Human Resources Committee — awaits a hearing.

"The openness and freedom of speech we used to take for granted are being eroded and replaced by a new, narrow ideology," Craig says. "I'm talking about the movement on this nation's campuses to harass and control students to conform to so-called 'politically correct' norms . . ."



on a split vote in May, after a federal court ruled in 1991 that a previous University of Wisconsin speech code was unconstitutional.

Board of Regents President George Steil, an attorney who opposes the code, says board members agreed not to enforce the new code until they review it. He says the Supreme Court ruling casts doubt on the code and will have a significant impact on its future. "It's possible it may be taken off the books," he adds.

Although he says he has trouble relating political correctness to the speech code, Steil claims PC is still an issue on many college campuses. "I have prob-

speech code, after a local federal court deemed it unconstitutional, according to Virginia Nordby, associate vice president for student affairs. The university then adopted an interim policy meeting the judge's specifications — that racial slurs and epithets had to be directed at a specific individual.

After the Supreme Court handed down its decision in *R.A.V. v. St. Paul*, Nordby said university officials announced the withdrawal of the speech code. Officials are currently drafting a new interim conduct policy without speech code provisions.

Nordby, like Steil, emphasizes that PC and hate speech are two different

not have to deal with speech codes. University officials are currently in the process of revising the Student Code of Conduct. The new code does not call for any provisions condemning hate speech, according to Assistant Dean of Students Jan-Mitchell Sherrill. However, if a student verbally abuses a student in conjunction with another violation of the code, they will be punished for both offenses, he says.

Congress, too, may get into the act. Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) is sponsoring the Collegiate Speech Protection Act, which would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 so that students who attend schools with speech codes could sue

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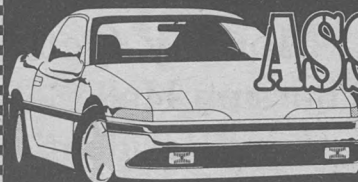
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by Maren Feltz

Students from different international groups at GW contributed some of their favorite recipes to help us give you an authentic sampling of international flavors. The recipes that follow were chosen because they are simple favorites. Most of the ingredients needed are available at a local grocery store.

The following Cuban recipes were contributed by a Hispanic student, Ginny Garcia. She recommends they be served together.

## Black Beans

**Ingredients:** 1 LB. BLACK BEANS, 2 GREEN PEPPERS, 1 LARGE ONION, 2 PIMENTOS, 1/2 CUP OLIVE OIL, 1 TBSP. SUGAR, 2 TBSP. VINEGAR, 1 TBSP. SALT, 1/2 TSP. CUMIN (OPTIONAL).

**Directions:** Soak beans overnight. Place in large pot, cover with water and cook. Grind onion and green pepper in blender on puree. Grind pimento separately. Cook pepper and onion in fry pan until liquid evaporates. Add pimento. Saute pepper, onion and pimento in 1/4 cup olive oil. Add to the beans. Add remaining ingredients to beans. Cook slowly 2-3 hours over low heat, stirring occasionally. Toward the end of the cooking, add vinegar and remainder of olive oil.

## Picadillo

**Ingredients:** 1 LB. GROUND BEEF, 1/4 CUP GREEN PEPPER, chopped, 1/4 CUP ONION, chopped, 6-8 OLIVES, sliced, 1 SMALL CLOVE GARLIC, chopped, 1/4 CUP RAISINS, 1/2 TSPN. SALT

**Directions:** Saute all ingredients in a large frying pan until done.

The following recipe was contributed

by Noriko Yokoi, a member of the Japanese Intercultural Network.

## Toriniku Tatsuta-Age (Deep Fried Chicken)

**Ingredients:** 6 TBSP. SAKE, 3 TBSP. SOY SAUCE, 2 TBSP. GREEN ONION, finely chopped, SMALL KNOB FRESH GINGER, 2 LB. CHICKEN, OIL FOR DEEP FRYING, FLOUR.

**Directions:** Mix the sake, soy sauce and green onion for a marinade. Peel the ginger; grate enough to form a small mound and gently press the gratings to produce ginger juice (about 1 TBSP.) Add the juice to the marinade.

Cut the chicken into bite-size pieces and marinate for 30 minutes, making sure each piece is well-covered with the marinade. Drain excess marinade from the chicken pieces. Toss them in flour to coat lightly and place them on a plate to allow the coating to set for a few minutes.

Heat a generous amount of oil in a heavy bottomed saucepan until moderately hot, about 350 degrees. Place chicken pieces into hot oil carefully. Keep the pieces separate as they fry and skim oil to keep it clean.

Fry pieces until golden brown. Remove to absorbent paper towel or a brown paper bag. Keep warm in the oven until ready to serve six or eight to an individual.

Gita Cherukuri, a member of the Indian Students Association, contributed the following recipe, which can be served as an appetizer or a main dish.

## Chicken Pakoda

**Ingredients:** 1 LB. BONELESS CHICKEN, 1/2 TSP. GROUND RED POWDER, 2-1/2 TSP. MASALA POWDER, 4-1/2 TSP. GRAM FLOUR, 1/4 TSP. SALT, 3-4 TBSP. ONION, chopped, 2 TSP. OIL, 1/2 TSP. LEMON JUICE, 1/2 TSP. TURMERIC

OR 2 DROPS YELLOW FOOD COLORING, OIL FOR FRYING

**Directions:** Trim fat from chicken, then cut chicken into 1/2 inch strips. Mix all ingredients with the chicken except the gram flour. Marinate for 15

minutes. Toss marinated chicken in absorbent paper towel or paper bag. Add oil as necessary.

Heat 2 or 3 tablespoons of oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Stir fry chicken in small batches until light brown. Remove cooked chicken to

To serve as a main dish, serve chicken with sauteed onions seasoned with a sprinkle of masala powder.

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# THE MANY CULTURES OF GW

## Asian-Americans focus on unity to offset stereotypes and bashing

by Ginny Garcia

In the face of Unity Week activities, some Asian students are divided on their place in the cosmopolitan whirl of the Washington, D.C. area.

Strong Hall Council Vice President Mei Kwong, born in Hong Kong and raised in California, says the fact that multi-cultural people, including Asians, built the United States is sometimes forgotten. "They came to this country because they believed it was a place where people would look beyond race or heritage and focus on the individual," she says.

The real problems of unity and cooperation are being overlooked, Kwong says, and those who stereotype and bash different countries merely wish to find a simple solution to whatever problems exist — or those that they believe exist — instead of finding constructive methods of dealing with barriers to unity.

Kwong says she does not fit the traditional Asian stereotype. "People think that because I'm Asian, I must be good at math and science. But those aren't my strong subjects," she adds. Kwong says she had been troubled by stereotypes in high school but has not had any problems at GW.

"Japan's economy has expanded so rapidly within the last few years that I'm sure the United States feels pressure and some hostility, but I don't think Japan-bashing is right," Japanese Intercultural Network President Tomoki Hanya says. "It seems that in Detroit or San Francisco, I hear a lot of stories about Japanese people being physically harmed by people feeling hostile toward Japan."

Hanya says he thinks the situation would be different if he lived in Michigan or California, but because the growth of Japanese industry in the United States does not directly affect Washington, D.C., not too many incidents of bashing occur here.

Hanya's friends sometimes teased him about the Japanese stereotype, he says, but he has yet to feel insulted. "I'm sure there are people here who have been hurt," he adds. "I guess I've just been lucky."

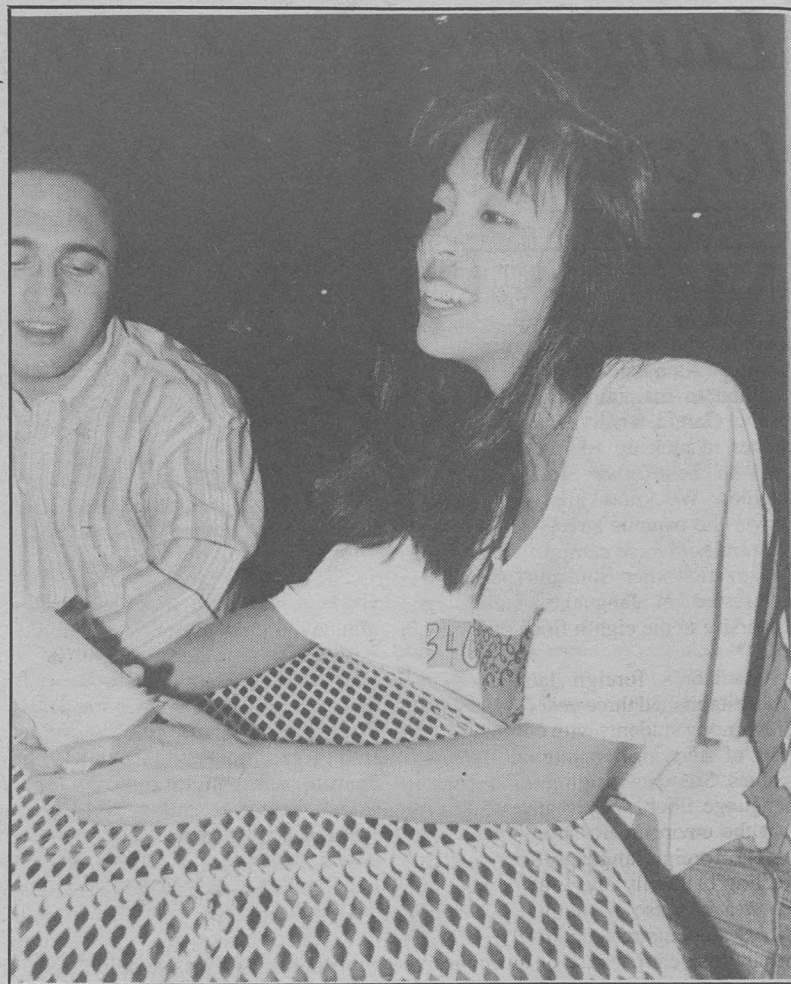
Senior Mitsuo Kajimoto says "we heard a lot of 'Japan bashing' before, but now we don't hear it too often." He says he thought this discord and lack of cooperation may be because of America's focus on business development. However, he adds, "I think they should try to focus on culture and more fundamental issues."

He says the business and economic slump the United States is experiencing has caused a lack of unity as conflict about some U.S.-Pacific issues become the focal point of relations.

"If we were looking more at culture, it would be something that both countries have, and something to talk about. We can begin to understand each other better this way and could build a good relationship from there," Kajimoto says.

Kwong says she felt that stereotypes lead to expectations that can not necessarily be fulfilled.

Hanya adds: "As students at GW we have exposure to a wide range of people, so we have a special chance to understand other cultures. We should use this to explain these cultures to people in our hometowns and to pass our new knowledge on to promote cooperation and unity."



## International students face task of adjusting to new environment

by Collin Hill

College is about change. You have to leave behind your friends, family and hometown and adjust to new rules, new friends and new pressures. For one group of students, though, there are far more changes to adjust to. Students who come to GW from other countries have to immerse themselves in a new language and a new culture and take the same classes as everyone else.

The change in culture is actually one of the largest draws for foreign students who come to GW. Junior Akin Alcitepe came to GW from Istanbul, Turkey because he says Washington, D.C. is the perfect place to study politics — his country lacks a school with good programs. He says he didn't really have problems adjusting. "They (GW students) come here to meet international students ... They're usually nice."

Alcitepe found the language barrier to be less than daunting. He has studied English since he was 12. He says he thinks many foreign students are familiar with English when they come here. And he says GW students generally try to help him.

Some students come to GW specifically to get help in vaulting the language barrier. Silvia Cava came to GW from Trujillo, Peru to take part in the English as a Foreign Language (EFL) program. She had already graduated from a

University in Peru and came here to improve her English for further studies in international law. She says Trujillo lacks English teachers from other countries.

The immersion in American culture and the English language has made the whole process easier for her. She is still lonely, though, and finds the language problem makes her spend a lot of time with the other students in the EFL program.

She agrees with Alcitepe that most students here are very friendly. She says, though, that Latin Americans have much more tightly-knit communities. In Peru, people just drop by unexpectedly, while here she says people always call to make plans.

Hateak Jung is in the EFL program as well. He hails from South Korea and has been in the program for only three months. He is in EFL to strengthen his English before he pursues a degree here in business administration. He had studied English for six years at home.

"Korea is a very traditional country," he says, adding he finds America to be a much more open country. One thing that was strange for Jung was the food. "It contains a lot of oil and a lot of meat," Jung says, noting that Korean food is mainly vegetables.

Jung says he had trouble making friends with GW students because of the problems he had speaking English. He says students have problems under-

standing him. So, like Cava, he finds most of his friends in the EFL program.

When Mauricio Imana, a junior, came to GW he was almost fluent in English. He had studied it for two years at an institute in his native Bolivia. This engineering major also took a course equivalent to the EFL at Northern Virginia Community College. Even then, he says, the way people actually speak was a surprise. "I had to readjust to the way the young people say things."

Imana says he found it difficult to adjust to "the consumption factor." He says people spend more money in America and status is predicated on having the latest clothes and listening to the latest music. Especially with the exchange rate, he says his budget here is tight.

There are many groups on campus to help smooth the transition into a foreign culture. The International Student Society, the Council of International Student Groups and countless ethnic oriented student organizations help foreign students adjust to the new-found pressures.

The purpose of the ISS is "to bridge the gap between international and foreign students," ISS Publicity Director Ajay Kalotra says. The ISS holds an international coffee hour every Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. to accomplish this goal. He says the coffee hour allows students to hang out with people from different backgrounds. He stresses that it is not only for foreign students.



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## Language floor aims to create cultural ties

by Tracy Sisser

Mat Lachesnez, born in Martinique, came to Madison Hall for the "rewards of living with people who are worldly and culturally aware." As a native French speaker he wanted to maintain his French skills. Isabel Garcia, a native Spanish speaker, hopes to pick up additional languages and to help other students in their studies. We know just from walking down the campus streets that GW is a culturally diverse campus. What brings these and other students particularly interested in language, culture and diversity to the eighth floor of Madison Hall?

Madison's foreign language floor was established three years ago to create ties among students with common interests of studying language and cultural values. Students residing on the foreign language floor already have these ties, but the environment strengthens them.

The foreign language floor fosters a feeling of family and togetherness and creates a sense of common purpose. Many students returned to the program again this year because of this cohesive atmosphere.

Marguerite Fagella, resident director of Madison and Everglades halls, says the purpose of the program is to allow students pursuing different majors to be able to practice and speak their language

or in most cases, several languages. It is also intended to create "background, understanding and sensitivity to various cultures," she says.

There have been drawbacks in previous years. Many veteran foreign language floor residents say former resident assistants have lacked concrete plans and structure. In addition, insufficient opportunity existed to practice foreign language skills, part of the original intent of the program. Garcia says "people expected something and got close to nothing."

The residents agree, however, that the program is moving in a positive direction. According to the floor's new RA Termeh Rassi, the program evolves along with the needs of the students. "As with any new program we must find a balance," Rassi says. The primary languages are French, German and Spanish, and many of the students also study Japanese and Russian. This semester a TV lounge was set up, which includes SCOLA, a foreign language cable station, and games in different foreign languages.

The floor also subscribes to various publications and has acquired various foreign books. In addition, Rassi hopes to show foreign films every other Sunday and to have poetry presentations at the end of each month. In order to provide better opportunities for multilingualism and for an open and relaxed



Students from around the world gather on foreign language floor of Madison Hall.

environment, time has been set aside on Sundays for residents to have the opportunity to solely speak and play games in their foreign languages.

Fagella says she would like to encourage joint programming between Madison and Everglades. "Each has a lot to offer each other. We can educate the whole person." She also affirmed the positive direction the program is taking. By spring semester, the TV lounge will be completed and there will be more hall programming.

Debbie Levine, a student in the program, says she would like to feel there was real immersion in each of the foreign languages. She suggested a different language for each floor, rather than for each room, the way it is currently set up. However, she says the program is like a classroom away from the classroom without the mandatory learning process.

The students participate voluntarily and it is this attitude that creates the positive feeling emanating from the floor, Levine says. She added that she

returned to the program because of the feeling of comfort and because she was friends with many of the people on the floor.

There is a certain "Je ne sais quoi" on the eighth floor of Madison hall, but the overall sense you get from watching the residents as they interact with one another is that they are friends. But they are also people with a common interest who try to benefit from an atmosphere that is extremely special at the University.

## BPU still working for creation of Africana studies program

by Rachell Long

The GW Black Peoples' Union has placed the creation of an Africana studies program at the top of its list of priorities for the 1992-93 school year, BPU Officer of Communication William Bacquilod says.

The BPU has formed a committee of faculty and students, which has devised an initial plan for the implementation of an Africana studies program at GW. The committee plans to submit it to the administration sometime in the future. Members of the committee have established contacts at other universities offering African studies as a major, such as Rutgers, Harvard and Yale universities, Bacquilod says.

The committee has estimated that the program would cost the University about \$60,000 per year for the salary of a professor with a Ph.D. in African studies, some administrative support staff, office space and supplies. Bacquilod stresses that the figure is comparable to the amount the University spends on other departments.

According to Bacquilod, the Africana studies program outlined by the committee is modeled after the peace studies program at GW and incorporates Africana studies courses from a variety

of departments, including history, anthropology and English. All of the required courses the committee has suggested to fulfill the minor, such as cultures of Africa, African problems and prospects, are already included in the University coursebook but are not offered because of low enrollment. "But how can they expect students to take the classes if they (the students) don't know about them?" Bacquilod asks.

Right now students who are interested in Africana studies must take courses at Howard University, Bacquilod says. "Why should we pay \$14,000 to GW only to take \$4,000 worth of courses at another school?"

GW American Studies Professor James Horton says he believes that Africana studies gives Americans a sense of the extent to which American history comes out of Africa and the interaction of African cultures, Native American cultures and various European cultures.

"It's important that at GW, we face the issue of race head on, talk about it and try to understand how it's shaped our society," Horton says. "(Africana studies) ought to be of interest to anyone interested in how the world takes shape."

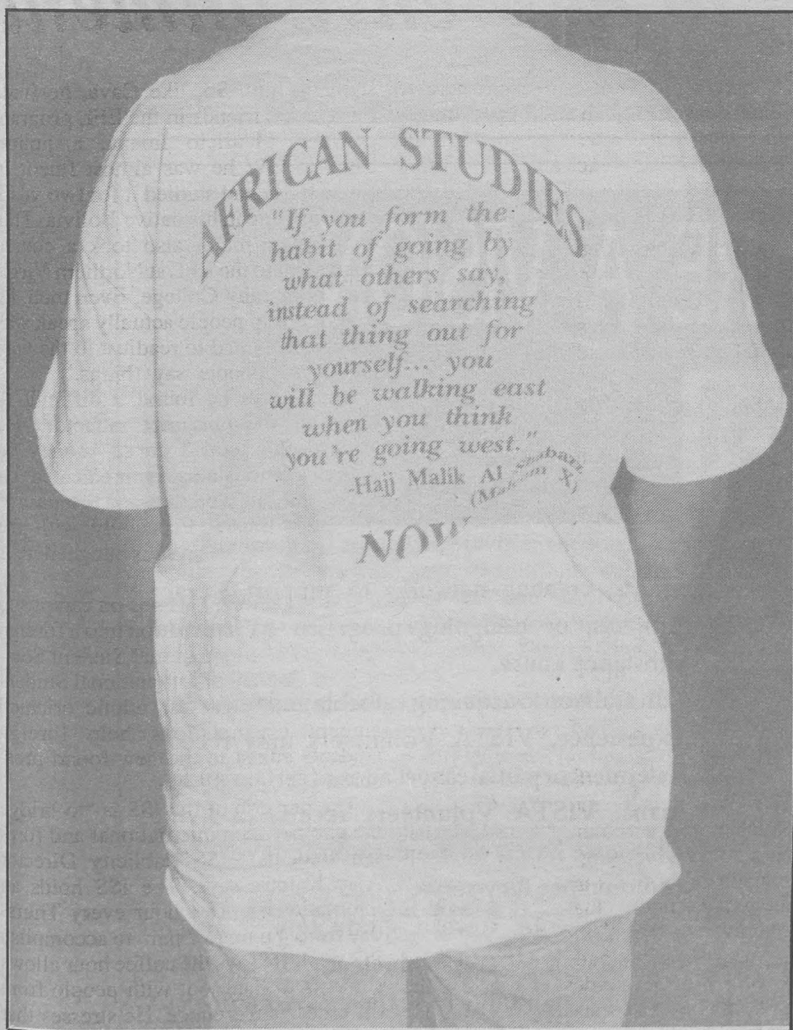
The BPU designed "African Studies

Now" T-shirts featuring a quote by Malcolm X. The quote says, "If you form the habit of going by what others say, instead of searching that thing out for yourself... you will be walking east when you think you're walking west." The group is selling these shirts to raise awareness of the need for Africana studies at GW, Bacquilod says.

The BPU has planned a rally for Africana studies later this semester and will ask students to write letters to the administration and sign petitions demanding the creation of an Africana studies program.

Dwayne Harvey, BPU officer of student affairs and a member of the committee, says he believes Africana studies is an issue that everyone should be interested in. "I know that when people hear Africana studies, they think it's just for black people. We want to destroy that myth. Africana studies is for everyone."

Pri deSylvia, a senior majoring in psychology, reiterates this point, saying, "To assume that only black students would be interested in Africana Studies classes... this shows an underlying racism because you're assuming that whites would never be interested in anything but European culture."



The BPU invokes the words of Malcolm X for Africana studies.

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# Homosexuals gain societal acceptance

## But they still face some strong opposition

by Jennifer Batog

In an age when homosexuality has become increasingly tolerated by mainstream America, it is still not widely accepted. Subtle fears, wariness and discrimination still exist. In Oregon, the state legislature is attempting to make homosexuality illegal. Yet some people feel society is more open and accepting to gay men and women than it has been in the past.

"It's easier to come out and be gay today," GW Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Alliance member David Friedland says. "But it's still not easy."

Gregory King, communications director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund — the largest lesbian and gay political group — says American society as a whole is more accepting of gays today than five years ago. King, a 1976 GW graduate, attributes this to the fact that more gays are being honest and coming out of the closet and non-gays are realizing they may have gay friends.

He says the onset of AIDS has also had an effect on people's attitudes toward gays. "People realize there are serious implications in denying that there are gay people in America. (People) recognize it is better to let people live their lives than to force them to live in silence," King says.

Though King says society in general is a better place for gays now than it was 15 to 20 years ago, he acknowledges the fact that there are still people who are unaccepting and intolerant of gays.

"As society as a whole becomes more accepting (of homosexuality), there will always be a backlash on the part of people who fear change," he says. He also says though society has become more open and accepting, those who oppose gays have become more angry and violent. Anti-gay attacks are the highest incidents of hate crimes in America, he says.

King also says he thinks GW is a better place for gays than it was when he attended. Friedland says he thinks GW is in the middle with its attitude toward homosexuality. "People are tolerant, but not necessarily accepting," he says.

"I definitely think (gay) people need a lot of caring and sympathy," GW junior Kathy Wittes says. "I feel sad for them. I feel a lot of pain for them. I feel sorry (for them) because there are a lot of ignorant, spiteful people who hate them," she says.

Although Wittes says she accepts that homosexuals do exist, she does not encourage homosexual practices. She also says gays do not have anything biologically different about them. "People choose to be this way," she says.

She says being gay can lead to promiscuous lifestyles, which cheapens values. "Homosexual practices are self-destructive," she says.

King says in order for people to be more tolerant of gays, they must be open minded and learn that being gay is not a choice. "We live in a diverse society . . . people have to respect the rights of other people," he says.

Friedland says while he doesn't fear for his life, the atmosphere on campus could be better. "It should be better . . . so that they (gays) know they don't have to worry about what people will think," he says, adding that he thinks the administration is more accepting than the students.

While GW is not blatantly homophobic, some segments of campus exhibit these feelings he says, adding that the atmosphere on campus encourages gays to hide in the closet rather than come out. "It's intimidating. The attitude on campus does hinder people from coming out," he says.

However, Friedland says students and college-educated people are more likely to accept gays than older members of society. King disagrees, saying people in their late teens and early 20s are the least tolerant of gay people. He says people who don't know anyone who is homosexual and those who don't understand gay people could be a reason for this intolerance.

Wittes says people become gay because of other problems, and though she thinks gays need understanding, she doesn't think understanding means advocating homosexuality.

People need to have more positive images of gay people in the media and in the movies, Friedland says. "The media need to show the truth. They need to show the (gay) 19-year-old in the military, they need to show the girl being beaten by her parents for being a lesbian. When you show (this) you do influence people."

However, King says the media have had a positive influence on people's attitudes toward homosexuality. He says it has made homosexuality more visible and has encouraged people to be honest and come out.

King also says the government has created false divisions between people, causing non-gays to separate themselves from gays. "I still think we classify (gay) people as the 'other' instead of recognizing they are 'us,'" he says.

America is supposed to be a free country where all people, no matter what race, creed or sexual orientation can live peacefully together. Though King says this day is not right around the corner, it is coming.

"(We) do a disservice by creating a false image that 100 percent of the world is straight," King says. "There are always going to be people who hate, but America can be safe for lesbians and gays, but that can only happen if non-gays fight (discrimination). We can't fight it alone."

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# Council works to coordinate int'l students' concerns

by Elissa Leibowitz

It is easy for international students to slip away from the larger University voice. They need an outlet to air their concerns.

Recognizing this need, the Student Association, International Students Society and several administrative departments formed the Council of

International Student Groups two and one-half years ago.

Representatives from 15 to 20 international student organizations meet to discuss policy and issues of concern to their focus group, Council Chair Terme Rassi says. "It is patterned after the IFC (Interfraternity Council) although student groups are not required to be a part of it."

The council meets once a month to

deal with issues such as international student living in residence halls, dining services and financial aid. "Our hope is to get things aired," Rassi says. "We are looking at the issues raised and taking them on one by one."

In conjunction with the Student and Academic Support Services office, the council also works with an international student task force. The task force gives

the council a pathway to the administration through Robert Chernak, vice president for student and academic support services. They held a town meeting last year which Rassi says was "the most attended of any town meeting." Most administrators came to hear what international students felt about the University, she says.

Members of the council have also

participated in international, cultural and educational activities on campus. However, unlike the ISS, they do not focus so much on social events, but on student concerns and policy making.

The council has a potential maximum membership of 40 because that is the number of registered international student organizations on campus, Rassi says.



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## Interracial couples feel society's pressure

by Deanna Reiter

*Jungle Fever*, a movie depicting an interracial couple, hit the screens in 1991. Wesley Snipes played the role of an architect who has an affair with his working class Italian secretary, played by actress Annabella Sciorra. Their relationship is scrutinized by their friends. They are cast out by their families and shunned by their neighbors.

More than one year after the premier of this enlightening movie, interracial dating has only become slightly more accepted by society. There are still many problems occurring because of society's lack of an open mind.

Most GW students interviewed agree that society is against interracial dating. "People are not used to change. Everyone has their own ideas . . . and traditions," junior Adam Himelfarb says.

"There is still a lot of racism," senior Peggy Edwards says. Individuals in American society like people of other races as long as they do not try to mix with their family, she adds.

Some students say pressures from friends, family and parents can also be a problem for interracial couples. A law student who wished to remain anonymous says, "neither of my parents would like it."

"When a friend is dating a person of another race, it may be a problem when

the person decides to be friends (with people of another race)," Edwards says.

"If my friends didn't like him, I wouldn't go out with him," Pusita C' traprasit, a graduate student, says.

On the whole, GW seems to be more accepting of interracial dating than the rest of the nation. "Students don't seem to care. It's a completely different environment (on campus) than it is with your parents," senior Panayiotis Gavrielides says.

"GW is a fairly liberal campus. People are going with the times," Himelfarb says. However, despite this open-minded and liberal campus, the number of interracial couples seen on campus is minimal. One couple on campus would not be interviewed because they did not want to their relationship "advertised," they said. The majority of students interviewed have never dated a person of an opposite race, although they say they would if they had the opportunity.

Times are changing, but how rapidly? In another nationwide attempt to enlighten society via the movie screen, a film called *Zebra Head* will soon arrive at theaters. This movie is about a young couple (black woman / white man) who attempt to beat the pressures brought on by society. Perhaps it will shed some light to a current issue that society ignores.



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"We ought to love one another because united teams win and divided teams lose. And if we can't love one another, we ought to get along with one another. And if you can't get there, just recognize we're all stuck with one another because nobody's going anywhere, right?"

-Ross Perot on racial tensions during the first presidential debate.

Well, ain't that the truth. White people will always be white. Black people will always be black. Asians will always be Asian. Hispanics will always be Hispanic. Indians will always be

Indian. Nobody, except Michael Jackson, is changing his skin color. And as of now, nobody is moving to Mars. So, what are we — the future leaders of America — going to do to make the world a better place for ourselves and our children?

We could begin by eliminating any prejudices we have against race, sex, creed or sexual orientation. And we could give equal opportunities to each other in and out of the classroom. And we could love one another for who we are in our hearts and in our minds, not

we represent. Don't I sound like a diversity training workshop brochure?

There are people who have acquired this attitude and who have made a difference in our society. A few bad apples in any race or creed can destroy a majority's hopes of eliminating stereotypes that have evolved throughout the years. And I'm not only talking about race, religion and gender. I truly believe every person in our society experiences some type of discrimination, whether it be because they are obese or skinny, brilliant or mentally retarded, or because they are a hippie, a punk-rocker

or a skinhead. Even the All-American quarterback with straight As who was accepted at Harvard and looks like he should be in a Calvin Klein ad probably feels like he is discriminated against for something.

At the end of my first internship at a newspaper, I went into my editor's office to say goodbye. I sat down and as he lectured to me in his old-school journalist tone, he proceeded to tell me that when I started, he thought I was going to be another dumb blonde who couldn't write. He said I proved him wrong. But, hey, I shouldn't have to!

And neither should anyone else. I didn't endure the Holocaust and I didn't participate in 1960s demonstrations for civil rights. But I still felt discriminated against that day, and have felt discriminated against other times because I am a female, a blond female.

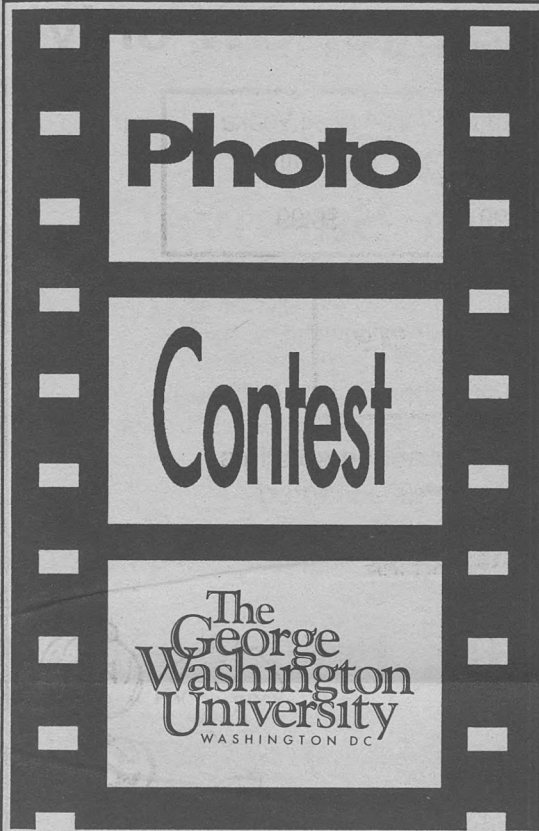
I may not have the answer to society's problems, but I do know political correctness will not solve them. Any restriction on speech is unacceptable. I

am vehemently against using language to hurt someone, and a fine line exists between free speech and hate speech. But no institution has the right to tell people what to say. The GW administration agrees with me on this one because they have omitted a hate speech provision in the revised code of conduct.

At Hillel's High Holiday conservative services a few weeks ago, the rabbi referred to "he" as "you" and "forefathers" as "ancestors". At first, I did not object to the change because it prevented some people from being offended on the most religious days of the year. However, I can't change my stance on PC. If we edit a prayerbook to comply with contemporary society, then we will have to change all literature depicting women as servile to men, and sooner or later, we will have to ban the books where they are not acknowledged at all.

So, what's the key to a cohesive society? Better attitudes, probably. Diversity training, probably not. PC, NOT!

-Lisa Leiter



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## Network takes time to inform on issues

by Heather O'Connor

The Diversity Training Network, made up of about 75 students, faculty and staff members, serves as an organization to help people from different races, religions and sexual orientations learn how to communicate and form relationships with one another.

The goals of the network include offering workshops to make people aware of what impact prejudices have on a diverse community like GW, to create a forum to discuss the prejudices and to provide leadership training for network members, according to the mission statement.

Once a month, the network has a brown-bag lunch, during which speakers come and discuss various topics relating to diversity at GW. The purpose of the lunch is to explore the consequences and concerns about being different and how these differences can create difficulty, member Sharon Lincoln says.

The network also holds training sessions to educate people about the

diversity at GW. The four-hour sessions usually begin with an icebreaker to learn about the other people at the workshop. This is followed by discussion about how to deal with prejudices, sexist jokes or racial slurs, member Suzanne Couming says.

"Everybody has situations where they are confronted with some kind of prejudice," Couming adds. "And we must know how to deal with it." These same sessions, in a scaled-down version, are sometimes worked into Freshman Advising Workshops or residence hall floor meetings, Lincoln says.

Alan Parker, director of Native American Policies, will speak Wednesday at the brown-bag lunch about Columbus Day and other issues relating to Native Americans. Other upcoming speakers include Professor Maria Cecilia Zea of the psychology department, who will lecture on how diversity issues affect students, a speaker on religious holidays in December and Professor Faye Belgrave of the psychology department, who will lecture on issues relating to disabilities.



# Campus Highlights

October 19-25

**Campus Highlights** is a calendar of events, services, & announcements at GW. Submissions for upcoming week must be turned in to GW Information Center (Marvin Center, 1st floor) no later than preceding Wednesday at noon.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

**Study Abroad Info Meeting.** Stuart Hall 108, 12pm. Info: 994-6242.

**Philippine Cultural Society: General Meeting.** Marvin Center 405, 8pm. Everyone is invited! Info: 659-3323 (Aileen).

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

**Study in Britain, Ireland, Austria, or Greece!** Stuart Hall 101, 11:30am. Representatives from Beaver College will be available to discuss programs. Sponsored by Study Abroad Office. Info: 994-6242.

**Study in Australia or Britain.** Stuart Hall 108, 3pm. Representatives from Butler University will be available to meet with interested students. Sponsored by Study Abroad Office. Info: 994-6242.

**Strategies for Self-Assessment.** Academic Center T509, 4-6pm. Sign up in advance. Sponsored by CCEC. Info: 994-6495.

**Presidential Politics, Foreign Policy Debate.** Marvin Center 405, 4-6pm. With Prof. Henry Nau (Bush Platform), Prof. Robert Lieber (Clinton Platform), Prof. Lee Sigelman (Moderator). Sponsored by ESIA & Graduate Student Forum. Please RSVP at 994-7050 or Stuart Hall 107.

**Geza Teleki, Chimp Survival.** Lisner Auditorium, 7-8pm. Human Evolution: Lecture Series dealing with evocative theme of human evolution. Tickets \$7.50 gen. adm. & \$6 for students/seniors at 703-729-8350 or at Ticketmaster.

**Improving Reading Concentration.** Thurston Hall, 7-8:30pm. Workshop to demonstrate techniques to improve concentration & comprehension. Please bring a text book with you. Sponsored by University Counseling Center. Info: 994-6550.

**Ron Campbell - Sex on the Rocks.** Mitchell Hall, Rec. Room, 7pm. Workshop-Acquaintance Rape/Male perspective. Free. Sponsored by Program Board, RHA, & Substance Abuse Prevention Center. Info: 994-7313.

**Learning Disabilities Support Group.** Marvin Center 415, 7:30pm. Provides environment to discuss problems & to seek solutions for students with learning disabilities. Sponsored by GW Disabled Student Services. Info: 994-8250.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

**GW Cycling Club Ride.** Tompkins Hall Lot, 12:30pm. Hains Point Ride. Sponsored by GW Cycling Club. Info: 994-5983.

**Travel Exposition.** Lisner Auditorium, Lower Level, 2-5pm. FREE information & materials for vacation planning, door prizes including free airline tickets. Sponsored by Business Affairs Office & GW Travel. For more info call Cathy Allen at 994-6400.

**Cooperative Education Orientation.** Academic Center T509, 4-5pm. Sign up in advance. Sponsored by CCEC. Info: 994-6495.

**"Carmen."** Language Lab, Philips 209, 4-6pm. With English subtitles. Free & open to GW public. Info: 994-7078.

**Women's Leadership Project, Reception.** Visitor's Center, 4-6pm. Linda B. Salamon, Dean of Columbian College & Graduate School of Arts and Sciences will speak. Info: 994-6602.

**Universally Speaking Toastmasters Meeting.** Marvin Center 413, 6:30pm. Sponsored by Toastmasters International. Info: 347-3817 (Karen).

**Student Pugwash Information Meeting.** Marvin Center 414, 9pm. Concerned about ethical implications of genetic engineering, ozone depletion, bioethics & more? Come to our meeting. Info: 676-3007.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

**Study Abroad Info Meeting.** Stuart Hall 108, 12noon. Info: 994-6242.

**International Student Society Coffee Hour.** ISS Office, 2129 G St., 4-6pm. Sponsored by ISS. Info: 994-6863.

**"Theatre Talk" on William Shakespeare.** Marvin Center Theatre, 4pm. Free-open to public. Speakers: Michael Kahn, Samuel Schoenbaum, & actress Catherine Flye. Info: 994-8072.

**"Night on Earth."** Marvin Center Ballroom, 8 & 10:30pm. \$1 w/ GW ID, \$2 non GW ID. Info: 994-7313.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

**AIDS Peer Educator Training.** 10am-4pm. Sponsored by Student Health. For location and more information call Student Health at 994-6827.

**Study Abroad at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.** Stuart Hall 108, 3pm. Information session. Sponsored by Study Abroad Office. Info: 994-6242 or Stuart Hall 101.

**Splash & Dash.** Smith Center, 3:30pm. 200 yard swim/2,000 yard run. Sponsored by Recreational Sports. Info: 994-6251.

**Bible Studies & Fellowship for International Students.** Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, NW. 6:30-8pm. For everyone interested in knowing Christ. Sponsored by International Student Christian Fellowship.

**No Time Comedy-Improv Show.** Downstage Lisner, midnight. Comedy-Improv show/music. Donations taken. Sponsored by GW No Time Players. Info: 429-3151 (Charles).

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

**Sandra Bernhard.** Lisner Auditorium, 8pm. \$14 w/GW ID, \$20 non GW ID. Sponsored by Program Board. Info: 994-7313.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

No submissions at the time of production.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**3 on 3 Basketball Tournament.** Begins November 2, entries due October 27 to Rec. Sports. Info: 994-6251.

**GWU Aikido Club Meeting.** Marvin Center 501, 7-10pm. Meets every Monday & Wednesday. Info: (301) 507-3720 (Matt) or (301) 507-9215 (Mike).

**GW Writing Center.** Offers tutoring in all phases of writing, from brainstorming & outlining to drafting & revision. Center hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9am-8pm & Fri., 9am-noon. Stuart Hall 301H. Free to GW students. For Information or appointment call 994-3765.

**Reading Book of Daniel in Greek.** Building 0, 202. Every Monday, 1-1:55pm. Sponsored by Dept. of Religion & Dept. of Classics. Info: 994-6326 or 994-6125.

**"Contested Terrain: Ethnicity, Nationalism, and the Politics of Culture - Anthropological Fieldwork at GW."** Colonnade Gallery, Marvin Center, 3rd floor. Through October 23. Info: 994-8401.

**Timex Fitness Week.** October 23-29, Smith Center. Recreational Sports Office will showcase variety of running, swimming, & aerobic events. Sponsored by Ocean Spray. Info: Debbie Newman at 994-7537.

**Bid period for purple campus interviewing session.** Career and Cooperative Education Center, Academic Ctr. T-509. October 23-28, Deadline Oct 28, 5:00 pm. Results mailed November 10. Credentials due October 23. Interviews held from November 16-20.

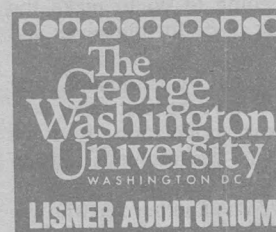
**Pumpkin Sale.** Alumni House, Mon-Fri 11-1pm & 4-6pm. October 19-23 & 26-30. Prices vary. Sponsored by Colonial Ambassadors. Info: 994-6435.

**"Hamlet" by William Shakespeare,** directed by Nathan Garner. Marvin Center Theatre, Oct 22-24 at 8 pm, Oct 25 at 2 pm, Oct 28-30 at 8 pm. \$8 gen. adm., \$5 students/senior.

**"Faculty Research at GWU: Scholarship & Innovation."** Gelman Library Special Collections. Through November 25. Info: 994-6558.

**"Patriots & Prophets: Outsider Art From Washington Area Collections."** Dimock Gallery, Lisner lower level. Features over 30 objects & paintings by "outsider" artists, highlighting themes such as patriotism & religious inspiration. October 13-November 3. Info: 994-1525.

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